



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended and its Protocol of 1978

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters and Classification Societies

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the resolutions MSC.520(106) and MSC.522(106) adopted by the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Chapter II-2 and Appendix (Certificates) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended ("SOLAS") and its Protocol of 1978. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee ("MSC") of the IMO at its 106th session adopted the resolutions MSC.520(106) and MSC.522(106) on 10 November 2022 to amend the SOLAS and its Protocol of 1978. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.
2. Significant amendments to Chapter II-2 and Appendix (Certificates) of SOLAS and its Protocol of 1978 are exhibited as follow, amongst others: -

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Part/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.520(106)	II-2/1, 3 and 4	Requiring documentations on the flashpoint of oil fuels to be supplied to ships, and reporting the confirmed case of non-compliant (flashpoint) oil fuel.
MSC.522(106)	Appendix (Certificates)	Amendments to the 1978 SOLAS Protocol provide a replacement form of the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate in order to remove the reference to radio installations used in life-saving appliances.

3. The details of the resolutions MSC.520(106) and MSC.522(106) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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