



香 港 商 船 資 訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-1

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Unified Interpretations of Chapter II-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("SOLAS").

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 107th session in June 2023, approved circulars MSC.1/Circ.1362/Rev.2 and MSC.1/Circ.1673 regarding the unified interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-1 in order to provide more specific guidance in relation to the relevant matters in paragraph 2.

2. The amendments involve the following: -

<u>Circular</u>	<u>Chapter/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.1/Circ.1362/Rev.2	II-1/3-8 and 13.2.3	To clarify the documentation which is necessary to support an Administration or a recognized organization (RO) as well as to provide clarification for pressure testing of penetrations in watertight divisions after a fire test. This circular revokes MSC.1/Circ.1362/Rev.1
MSC.1/Circ.1673	II-1/1.1.3	To clarify the definition of "ships constructed on or after 1 January 2024" as used in SOLAS regulation II-1/25-1 (as amended by resolution MSC.482(103)).

3. The IMO circulars MSC.1/Circ.1362/Rev.2 and MSC.1/Circ.1673 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, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to use these unified interpretations when applying relevant provisions of SOLAS chapter II-1.

Marine Department
Multi-lateral Policy Division

7 September 2023