



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

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.550(108) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to Chapter II-2 and Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea ("SOLAS"), 1974, as amended which will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 108th session adopted the resolution MSC.550(108) on 23 May 2024 to amend the SOLAS. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

2. Main amendments to Chapter II-2 and Chapter V of SOLAS are summarized as follow, amongst others: -

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Chapter/Part/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
MSC.550(108)	II-2/B/4.2.1.9 (new)	Requirements for oil fuel delivered to and used on board ships not to jeopardize the safety of ships or adversely affect the performance of the machinery or be harmful to personnel.
MSC.550(108)	II-2/C/7.5.5	Requirement for all control stations and cargo control rooms of cargo ships constructed on or after 1 January 2026 to be fitted with a fire detection and fire alarm system according to the applicable method (i.e. IC, IIC and IIC).

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MSC.550(108)	II-2/G/20	Amended requirements for new and existing ro-ro passenger ships to enhance the fire safety of vehicle spaces, special category spaces and open and closed ro-ro spaces and introduce of new requirements for weather decks intended for carriage of vehicles.
MSC.550(108)	V/31 & 32	Reporting procedure relating to the detection, positioning, tracking, and recovery of containers lost at sea.

3. The details of IMO resolution MSC.550(108) can be found on the website of the Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/legislation/notices/msin/index.html>) as attachment to this Information Note.

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

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