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**MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-372**

**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Recognized Organizations (RO), Regional Offices, Manning Agencies, Nautical Inspectors, Shipping Companies, Recognized Trainings Organizations

**Subject:** Early Implementation of SOLAS Regulations II-2/Regulation 1 and II-2/Regulation 10

**Reference:**

Resolution MSC.409 (97) amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of life at sea, 1974, as amended adopted on 25 November 2016.  
MSC.1/Circ.1566 - Voluntary early implementation of the amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/1 and II-2/10, of 15 June 2017;  
MSC.1/Circ.1565 - Guidelines on the Voluntary Early Implementation of Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and Related Mandatory Instruments, of 15 June 2017

**1. Purpose**

1.1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to provide Panamanian flagged ships on the early implementation of amendment to Regulation 10 of Chapter II-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, as amended (SOLAS), adopted on 25 November 2016, considering the MSC.1/Circ.1566 on the voluntary early implementation of the amendments to SOLAS, especially on the application of regulation II-2/10 and MSC.1/Circ.1565 - Guidelines on the Voluntary Early Implementation of Amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and Related Mandatory Instruments, of 15 June 2017.

**2. Application**

2.1. This Merchant Marine Circular applies to all ships registered in the Republic of Panama to which Chapter II-2 of SOLAS is applicable.

2.2. It should be noted that the amended regulations apply to ships constructed before the planned entry into force date.

**3. Background**

3.1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its ninety-seventh (97th) session adopted amendments to SOLAS

regulations II-2/10, through Resolution MSC.409(97) of 25 November 2016, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2020 upon their considered acceptance on 1 July 2019, by the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments.

3.2. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-eighth (98th) session, invited the Contracting Governments to the SOLAS 1974, to implement the amendments prior to the entry-into-force date, through MSC.1/Circ.1566 of 15 June 2017.

#### 4. Amendment Details

4.1.2 The following new paragraph is added after existing paragraph 2.8 in regulation 1 – Application – Part A - General:

"2.9 Regulation 10.5.1.2.2, as amended by resolution MSC.409(97), applies to ships constructed before 1 January 2020, including those constructed before 1 July 2012."

4.2. In paragraph 5.1.2.2 of SOLAS Regulation II-2/10 – Firefighting, the last sentence is replaced with the following (new text in red):

*"In the case of domestic boilers of less than 175 kW, or boilers protected by fixed water-based local application fire-extinguishing systems as required by paragraph 5.6, an approved foam-type extinguisher of at least 135 l capacity is not required."*

#### 5. Instructions

This Administration, based on the provisions of the MSC.1/Circ.1566 accepts voluntary the early implementation of amended SOLAS regulations II-2/Regulation 1 and II-2/Regulation 10.

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