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**DGS Order 01 of 2024**

**Subject: Amendments to Chanter II-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the protocol of 1988 relating thereto and its applicability on Fire Safety Systems - reg.**

Whereas, the Government of India has ratified the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS), and the Convention entered into force on 25th May, 1980 through accession. The Convention as modified by the protocol of 1988 entered into force on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2000 through accession. Article 1 of the Convention mandates the general obligation of the Government to undertake all measures which may be necessary to give effect to the Convention.

Whereas the International code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code) was adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee(MSC) at its seventy third session (December 2000) by resolution MSC. 98(73) in order to provide international standards for the fire safety systems and equipment required by chapter II-2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention. The code is made mandatory under SOLAS by amendments to the convention adopted by the MSC at the same session.

Whereas Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) has adopted the amendments to chapters of FSS code by resolution MSC 98(73), MSC 206(81), MSC 217(82), MSC 297(87), MSC 311(88), MSC 327(90), MSC 339(91), MSC 367(93), MSC 403(96), MSC 410 (97), MSC 457 (101), MSC 484 (103). These amendments have entered to force as per attached Annex-1.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended incorporates the Convention and is defined in Section 3(37) as "Safety Convention" which means the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea signed in London on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1974 as amended from time to time. Further, the mandatory Codes as indicated in the Convention and its amendments from time to time is in effect and applicable to the vessels.

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Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, Part IX-Safety, Section 283 to 309 provides legislative provisions and powers for the implementation of various requirements under the SOLAS Convention on all Indian and foreign vessels.

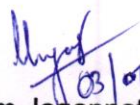
Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, Part IX-Safety, Section 289 provides powers to make rules, section 290 provides powers for inspection relating to fire appliances on ships.

Whereas government has issued Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules, 1990 and as amended as a measure to give effect to the convention. The government has issued various executive orders, circulars from time to time providing instructions on fire appliances. Engineering Circular 06 of 2013 Guidelines for maintenance and inspection of fire protection, detection and extinction equipment on board Indian ships. Engineering Circular No. 01 of 2022 Corrigendum to Engineering Circular No.6 of 2013, dated 19th August 2013.

Whereas, the Recognised organizations (RO) were notified vide notification dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, and as indicated, an agreement is entered into with each RO to carry out surveys and certification as per the Convention.

Noting that, IMO has issued various amendments to chapter II-2 of SOLAS related to fire safety systems from time to time which is annexed to this order at "Annexure- 1". As defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, such amendments to the convention are already in effect and applicable to Indian vessels.

The stakeholders are therefore required to be guided by this order towards compliance with the provisions to give full effect to the International convention for the Safety of Life at sea and the mandatory codes.

  
(Shyam Jagannathan)  
Director General of Shipping

To,

1. All Stakeholders through DGS Website.
2. Computer Cell with request to upload on DGS website.
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## Annex-1

### Chapter II-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the protocol of 1988 relating thereto

Amendments	Adopted		Effective date	Amendments to the Code
	By	Date		
FSSCode	Res.MSC.98(73)	05.Dec.2000	01.Jul.2002	
2006 Amendments	Res.MSC.206(81)	18.May.2006	01.Jul.2010	Chapter 5
	Res.MSC.217(82)	08.Dec.2006	01.Jul.2008	Sec.3 of Chapter 4, Sec.2 of Chapter 6, Sec.2 of Chapter 7, Sec.2 of Chapter 9
	Res.MSC.217(82)	08.Dec.2006	01.Jul.2010	Sec.2 of Chapter9
	Res.MSC.292(87)	21.May.2010	01.Jan.2012	1.2 of Chapter 1, Chapter 10, Chapter 16 (New)
2010 Amendments	Res.MSC.311(88)	03.Dec.2010	01.Jul.2012	Chapter 9
	Res.MSC.327(90)	25.May.2012	01.Jan.2014	Chapter 6, 2.1 of Chapter 8
2012 Amendments	Res.MSC.339(91)	30.Nov.2012	01.Jul.2014	2.1 of Chapter 3 Sec.2 of Chapter 5 2.4 of Chapter 7 (New) 2.5 of Chapter 8 Sec.2 of Chapter 9 2.2 of Chapter12 2.2 of Chapter 13 Chapter14
2014 Amendments	Res.MSC.367(93)	22.May.2014	01.Jan.2016	Chapter15
2016 Amendments (96th)	Res.MSC.403(96)	19.May.2016	01.Jan.2020	2.4.1 of Chapter 8, Chapter 17 (New)
2016 Amendments (97th)	Res.MSC.410(97)	25.Nov.2016	01.Jan.2020	2.1.2.2.2.1
2019 Amendments (101st)	Res.MSC.457(101)	14.Jun.2019	01.Jan.2024	2.2.3.2,2.2.4 of Chapter 15
2021 Amendments (103rd)	Res.MSC.484(103)	13.May.2021	01.Jan.2024	2.1.8 of Chapter 9 (New)

Note : The details of MSC resolutions can be accessed from below mentioned link.  
<https://www.imo.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/Pages/MSC.aspx>