

MSC/Circular.687 - Emergency Source of Power for Category A High Speed Craft - (adopted on 31 May 1995)

The Maritime Safety Committee

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-fifth session (9 to 17 May 1995), noted that:

.1. in accordance with the Standards for fixed sprinkler systems for high speed craft adopted by resolution MSC.44(65), in particular, paragraphs [3.12 and 3.13](#) thereof, the emergency source of power for sprinkler pumps should consist of power from an emergency generator, or alternatively, a dedicated diesel-driven pump may be provided, or a hydropneumatic tank may be provided for a wet pipe sprinkler system; and

.2. in accordance with paragraph [12.7.3](#) of the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft (HSC Code) adopted by resolution MSC.36(63), there is no requirement for an emergency source of power for category A craft to be capable of supplying the power to sprinkler pumps.

2. Recognising that requirements on the emergency source of power for sprinkler systems are essential for fire safety of all passenger high speed craft, the Committee agreed that the requirements contained in paragraphs [3.12 and 3.13](#) of the Standards for fixed sprinkler systems for high speed craft should be fulfilled in addition to the requirements contained in paragraph [12.7.3](#) of the HSC Code.

3. Member Governments are invited to apply the requirements regarding the emergency source of power for sprinkler systems in paragraphs [3.12 and 3.13](#) of the Standards for fixed sprinkler systems for high speed craft, in addition to the requirements of paragraph [12.7.3](#) of the HSC Code.