

MSC.1/Circular.1407 – Guidance for Application of SOLAS Regulation II-2/19.3 – (2 June 2011)

Circular

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-ninth session (11 to 20 May 2011), agreed that the Committee, when it adopted resolution [MSC.269\(85\)](#), to amend SOLAS [regulation II-2/19](#), concerning the special fire protection requirements applicable to the carriage of dangerous goods, it unintentionally applied:

.1. regulation 19.3.3 to cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above and passenger ships constructed on or after 1 February 1992 but before 1 July 2002; and

.2. regulations 19.3.1, 19.3.5, 19.3.6, 19.3.9 to cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above and passenger ships constructed on or after 1 September 1984 but before 1 July 2002.

2. Consequently, the Committee approved draft amendments to SOLAS [regulation II-2/1.2.4](#), to clarify the application of SOLAS [regulation II-2/19.3](#) to existing ships, adding the following new subparagraphs:

“7. cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above and passenger ships constructed on or after 1 February 1992 but before 1 July 2002 need not comply with regulation 19.3.3 provided that they comply with regulation 54.2.3, as adopted by resolution MSC.13(57); and

.8. cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above and passenger ships constructed on or after 1 September 1984 but before 1 July 2002 need not comply with regulations 19.3.1, 19.3.5, 19.3.6, 19.3.9 provided that they comply with regulations 54.2.1, 54.2.5, 54.2.6, 54.2.9, as adopted by resolution MSC.1(XLV).”

3. Pending the entry into force of these amendments, Member Governments are invited to apply the amendments to SOLAS [regulation II-2/19.3](#), as adopted by [resolution MSC.269\(85\)](#), taking into account the aforementioned intention of the Committee.