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AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2, THE FSS CODE, THE FTP CODE AND RELATED FIRE TEST PROCEDURES (MSC/Circ.1120)

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninetieth session (16 to 25 May 2012), with a view to providing more specific guidance for the application of the relevant requirements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, approved unified interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-2, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection, at its fifty-fifth session, as set out in the annex, in the form of amendments to MSC/Circ.1120.

2 Member Governments are invited to use the unified interpretations set out below as guidance when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS chapter II-2 to fire protection of ships' pantries and to bring them to the attention of all parties concerned.

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ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2, THE FSS CODE, THE FTP CODE AND RELATED FIRE TEST PROCEDURES (MSC/Circ.1120)

1 The Interpretation to SOLAS regulation II-2/3.1 is replaced by the following:

"**Devices in pantries or isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances**

Pantries or isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances may contain:

.1 toasters, microwave ovens, induction heaters and similar appliances each of them with a maximum power of 5 kW; and

.2 electrically heated cooking plates and hot plates for keeping food warm each of them with a maximum power of 2 kW and a surface temperature not above 150°C.

These pantries may also contain coffee machines, dish washers and water boilers with no exposed hot surfaces regardless of their power.

A dining room containing such appliances should not be regarded as a pantry.

This interpretation also covers regulations 9.2.2.3.2.2(9), 9.2.2.4.2.2(3), 9.2.3.3.2.2(3) and 9.2.4.2.2.2(3)."

2 The Interpretation to SOLAS regulation II-2/3.45 is replaced by the following:

"**Devices in main pantries, pantries containing cooking appliances and galleys**

1 Main pantries and pantries containing cooking appliances may contain:

.1 toasters, microwave ovens, induction heaters and similar appliances each of them with a power of more than 5 kW; and

.2 electrically heated cooking plates and hot plates for keeping food warm each of them with a maximum power of 5 kW.

These pantries may also contain coffee machines, dish washers and water boilers regardless of their power.

This interpretation also covers regulations 9.2.2.3.2.2(13) and 9.2.2.4.2.2(9).

2 Spaces containing any electrically heated cooking plate or hot plate for keeping food warm with a power of more than 5 kW should be regarded as galleys."