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**APPLICATION OF SOLAS REGULATION II-2/15 FOR LUBRICATING OIL AND  
OTHER FLAMMABLE OIL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPS BUILT  
BEFORE 1 JULY 1998**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eightieth session (11 to 20 May 2005), recalled that, at its sixty-third session, it had adopted, by resolution MSC.31(63), amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/15, prescribing additional requirements to oil fuel arrangements, lubricating oil arrangements and arrangements for other flammable oils as well as the application of these requirements. The amendments entered into force on 1 July 1998.

2 The amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/15, in particular the requirements for oil fuel systems, applied to all ships constructed before, on or after 1 July 1998 because the above amendments stipulated to do so. However, the Committee agreed that the amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/15.3 and II-2/15.4 were not intended to apply to existing ships constructed before 1 July 1998. The Committee, therefore, clarified that paragraphs 3 and 4 of SOLAS regulation II 2/15, in terms of compliance with the provisions of paragraphs 2.10 and 2.11 of SOLAS regulation II-2/15, should only be applied to ships constructed on or after 1 July 1998.

3 The Committee noting that an amendment to SOLAS regulation II-2/15 had been considered by the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection with a view to clarifying the application of the aforementioned provisions, approved the attached draft amendment with a view to subsequent adoption at MSC 81.

4 Member Governments are invited to bring the above information to the attention of all parties concerned.

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**ANNEX**

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO SOLAS REGULATION II-2/15**

**CHAPTER II-2  
CONSTRUCTION - FIRE PROTECTION, DETECTION, EXTINCTION**

**Regulation II-2/15 – Arrangements for oil fuel, lubricating oil and other flammable oils**

An amendment No.1 to regulation II-2/15, as adopted by resolution MSC.31(63), is replaced by the following text:

“1 The text after the title is replaced by the following:

“(Paragraphs 2.9 to 2.12 of this regulation apply to ships constructed on or after 1 February 1992, except that the references to paragraphs 2.10 and 2.11 in paragraphs 3 and 4 apply to ships constructed on or after 1 July 1998).”

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