

SC 73

Fire protection of weather decks

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Interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-2/20.6.3.1

“6.3 Portable fire extinguishers

6.3.1 Portable extinguishers shall be provided at each deck level in each hold or compartment where vehicles are carried, spaced not more than 20 m apart on both sides of the space. At least one portable fire-extinguisher shall be located at each access to such a cargo space.*

* Refer to Unified interpretation of SOLAS chapter II-2 on the number and arrangement of portable fire extinguishers on board ships (MSC.1/Circ.1275 and its Corr.1).

Interpretation

The requirements in SOLAS regulation II-2/20.6.3.1 need not be applied to weather decks intended for the carriage of vehicles.

Note:

1. Rev.2 of this UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies from 1 July 2006.
2. Rev.3 of this UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies from 1 July 2026.

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SC Method IIC Construction

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SOLAS regulation II-2/7.5.5.3, as amended by resolution MSC.550(108), states:

“5.5.3 Method IIC

A fixed fire detection and fire alarm system shall be so installed and arranged as to detect the presence of fire in all accommodation spaces and service spaces providing smoke detection in corridors, stairways and escape routes within accommodation spaces, except spaces which afford no substantial fire risk such as void spaces, sanitary spaces, etc. In addition, a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system shall be so installed and arranged as to provide smoke detection in all corridors, stairways and escape routes within accommodation spaces and in all control stations and cargo control rooms.”

Interpretation

In the case of ships built in accordance with Method IIC, the fixed fire detection and fire alarm system is only relevant for service spaces located within the accommodation block. Service spaces built away from the accommodation block need not be fitted with a fixed fire detection system. The fire detection and fire alarm system is however required for control stations and cargo control rooms regardless of their locations.

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Notes:

Note:

1. This UI SC 160 is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Members from 1 January 2001.
2. Rev.2 is to be uniformly implemented by IACS members on ships constructed on or after 1 July 2026.