

MSC.1/Circ.1234**31 October 2007****DRAINAGE OF FIRE-FIGHTING WATER FROM ENCLOSED VEHICLE AND RO-RO SPACES AND SPECIAL CATEGORY SPACES FOR PASSENGER AND CARGO SHIPS**

1 The Committee, at its eighty-third session (3 to 12 October 2007), recognizing that there was an urgent need to enhance the relevant regulations of SOLAS chapters II-1 and II-2 to improve the safety of closed vehicle and ro-ro spaces and special category spaces against the accumulation of large quantities of water, in light of the tragic loss of life on the passenger ship Al Salam Boccaccio 98, agreed that the draft amendments to SOLAS regulations II-1/35-1 and II-2/20, as set out in the annex, should be included in future amendments to chapters II-1 and II-2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention.

2 Member Governments are invited to note the proposed amendments and the development of the associated guidelines to enhance the safety of closed vehicle and ro-ro spaces and special category spaces for passenger and cargo ships following adoption and entry into force of the proposed amendments under the provisions of the Convention.

3 Member Governments are urged to bring the aforementioned information to the attention of all interested parties.
