

MSC/Circ.602

MATERIALS USED FOR BULKHEADS IN ACCOMMODATION SPACES DEFINED IN REGULATION II-2/3.10 OF THE 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-first session (7 to 11 december 1992), noted that there is a divergency of interpretations regarding the application of requirements of regulation II-2/34 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention to the materials used for bulkheads in accommodation spaces defined in regulation II-2/3.10.

2 The Committee recognized the necessity of establishing unified interpretations of application of the requirements for the restricted use of combustibile materials in regulation II-2/34 and agreed with the interpretation contained in the annex.

3 Member Governments are recommended to apply the provisions of SOLAS regulation II-2/34 to the materials used for bulkheads in accommodation spaces defined in regulation II-2/3.10 in accordance with the agreed uniform interpretation contained in the annex.

ANNEX

INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATION II-2/34

MATERIALS USED FOR BULKHEADS OF ACCOMMODATION SPACES AS DEFINED IN REG. II-2/3.10		REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPONENTS				
BULKHEAD COMPONENTS	NON COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL (II-2/34.1)	LOW FLAME SPREAD (II-2/34.3)*	EQUIVALENT VOLUME (II-2/34.4)	CALORIFIC VALUE (II-2/34.5)	SMOKE PRODUCTION (II-2/34.7)	
						(A)
STEEL PLATE						
MOULDING	X		X			
WALL PANEL (LINING)	X					
GROUNDINGS AND SUPPORTS	X					
DRAFT STOPS	X					
INSULATION	X					
INSULATION SURFACE**						
(PAINTED SURFACES** OR VENEER OR FABRIC**)		(34.3.2)				
(PAINTED SURFACES)		(34.3.2)	X	X	X	
(VENEER OR FABRIC)		(34.3.1)	X	X	X	
DECORATIVE PANEL		(34.3.1)	X	X	X	
PANEL SURFACE		(34.3.1)				
SKIRTING BOARD (DECORATION)			X			

* Exposed surfaces of corridors and stairway enclosures referred to in regulation II-2/34.3.1 includes floor covering

** Where the wall panel is an integral part of the fire insulation in accordance with regulation II-2/26.3, these components are to be of non-combustible material