



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 685 of 5th June 2021

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Amendments to 2011 ESP, FSS, LSA, STCW
Reference	SOLAS & STCW Conventions

Amendments to 2011 ESP Code

The Committee adopted amendments to 2011 ESP Code affecting inspections during renewal surveys of double-hull oil tankers. The amendments will change the scope of required thickness measurements during Renewal Survey No.1, to the taking of thickness measurements in suspect areas only. This will be reflected in Annex B / Part A / Annex 2 of the Code, in amendments to the table “Minimum requirements for thickness measurements at renewal surveys of double-hull oil tankers”. This modification will enter into force on 1 January 2023.

Amendments to FSS Code

The Committee adopted amendments to Chapter 9 of the FSS Code for fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems, inserting a new paragraph 2.1.8 requiring that in cargo ships and on passenger ship cabin balconies, where an individually identifiable system is fitted, isolator modules need not be provided at each fire detector if the system is arranged in such a way that the number and location of individually identifiable fire detectors rendered ineffective due to a fault would not be larger than an equivalent section in a section identifiable system. This modification will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

Amendments to LSA Code

In conjunction to the above mentioned adopted amendment to SOLAS Chapter III/Regulation 33, the Committee also adopted amendments to paragraph 4.4.1.3.2 of the LSA Code to clarify in the general testing requirements for lifeboats that free-fall lifeboats will not be subject to the requirement of demonstrating capability of launching while the ship is making headway at speeds up to 5 knots in calm water. This modification will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

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Amendments to STCW Convention and Code

The Committee adopted amendments to the STCW Convention to include a definition for “High-voltage” in alternating current (AC) or direct current (DC) voltage in excess of 1000 volts.

Additionally, the Committee adopted amendments to the STCW Code to include the capacity of “Electro-technical officer” as a recognized role under the definition of “Operational level” in section A-I/1. This modification will enter into force on 1 January 2023.

REFERENCES:

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