



### **TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 872 of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>Revision of SOLAS Chapter III and the LSA Code</b>
Reference	SOLAS Chapter III

#### **Revision of SOLAS Chapter III and the LSA Code**

During the previous session, SSE 10 agreed to a road map to facilitate the drafting of related functional requirements and expected performances for SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code. The Maritime Safety Committee 109th session endorsed the road map developed by SSE 10 to facilitate the drafting of related functional requirements and expected performances for SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code. It had extended the target completion year for this output to 2027. At this session, the Sub-Committee generally approved the report of the Correspondence Group on Life-Saving Appliances related to the revision of SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code.

#### **Draft Functional Requirements and Expected Performances for the "Alarm" Phase**

The Sub-Committee further considered the draft functional requirements (FR) and expected performances (EP) for the "Alarm" phase. The need for consistency and clarity in terms and definitions was emphasized. Key points included revisiting terms like "communication" and "alarm," ensuring the requirements are not overly prescriptive, and clarifying applicability to different ship types. The interpretation is that FRs and EPs being developed apply to all ships subject to SOLAS Chapter III, not necessarily cargo or passenger ships, unless specifically identified in the FR or EP. Further consideration of the applicability of the different requirements for different ship types needs to be done at a later stage.

#### **Draft Functional Requirements and Expected Performances for the Remaining Phases**

In addition, the Sub-Committee further considered to draft necessary FRs and EPs for the remaining phases. It was agreed that further work would be required to ensure that all FRs and EPs for the "Proceed to Embarkation" phase should be reviewed to assess consistency with the Alarm phase. The Sub-Committee considered the list of definitions to cover functional requirements for all phases to refine and expand the definitions as the work evolves in order to ensure consistency and clarity.

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The different phases considered in the revision of SOLAS chapter III and LSA Code.

1. Alarm
2. Proceed to embarkation
3. Embarkation
4. Abandonment to safe position
5. Waiting for rescue
6. Person in water
7. Person over board
8. Retrieval to survival craft
9. Retrieval from survival craft
10. Transfer (of a person)

Next Steps: Discussions on this subject will continue in an intersessional correspondence group and at SSE 12 (2026).

REFERENCES:

- SOLAS chapter III and the LSA Code

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