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Title	<b>Development of Amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS Code Concerning Detection and Control of Fires In Cargo Holds</b>
Reference	SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS

**Development of Amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS Code Concerning Detection and Control of Fires In Cargo Holds and on the Cargo Deck of Containerships**

*Draft New SOLAS Regulation II-2/7.11*

Recent incidents have highlighted a concern of container-related fires on board containerships, leading to serious consequences. Consideration should also be given to the potential impact of the increasing containership sizes over the years, with some having a cargo capacity exceeding 20,000 TEUs. This necessitates a review of the fire protection, detection and extinction arrangements about factors, such as sufficient coverage, capacity, remote operation and ergonomic arrangements to avoid such incidents. The Sub-Committee progressed the development of the draft new SOLAS regulation II-2/7.11 on localization and confirmation of fires for ships designed to carry containers on or above the weather deck. The new requirements stipulate the provision of two portable infrared thermal imagers suitable for detecting hot areas and to confirm the location of a fire.

These thermal imagers are to meet the international or recognized standards acceptable to the IMO, shall be stored readily accessible in a clearly marked location, and subject to monthly testing and servicing and calibration according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Next steps: The Sub-Committee instructed the Correspondence Group on Fire Protection to further consider the draft new SOLAS regulation II-2/7.11.

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