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Title	Amendments to SOLAS
Reference	SOLAS Convention, MSC.496(105)

Amendments to SOLAS The Committee adopted Resolution MSC.496(105)

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) held its 105th session virtually from April 20 to 29, 2022.

Amendments to SOLAS The Committee adopted Resolution MSC.496(105) containing amendments to:

-Chapter II-1, Construction - Structure, subdivision and stability, machinery, and electrical installations

-Chapter III contains the requirements for life-saving appliances and arrangements. This includes requirements for lifeboats, rescue boats and lifejackets according to the type of ship the equipment is fitted on.

-Chapters IV. This resolution contains a complete replacement text of chapter IV of SOLAS.

Radio communications: This chapter Includes requirements of different radio communication equipment used on board ships such as GMDSS, SART, EPIRB etc. for cargo and passenger vessels. This chapter is divided into 3 parts: Part A, Part B and Part C.

The changes in this resolution collectively represent the IMO's efforts for the Modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The Committee also adopted Resolution MSC.497(105) containing amendments to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol, concerning the modernization of the GMDSS.

These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024. Additional details describing the changes are discussed further in the Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue section of this Brief.

-Chapters V, Safety of Navigation.

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