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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Water Level Detectors
Reference	SOLAS Chapter II-1 and SOLAS Chapter XII

Water Level Detectors On Bulk Carriers and Single Hold Cargo Ships Other Than Bulk Carriers

Revision of the Performance Standards for Water Level Detectors On Bulk Carriers and Single Hold Cargo Ships Other Than Bulk Carriers (Resolution MSC.188(79)).

The Sub-Committee finalized draft amendments to the Performance Standards for Water Level Detectors on Bulk Carriers and Single Hold Cargo Ships Other Than Bulk Carriers (MSC.188(79)), which are intended to broaden the application of this standard to all vessels subject to Regulations 25 and 25-1 of SOLAS Chapter II-1, and Regulation 12 of SOLAS Chapter XII.

In addition, the standard was amended to incorporate new requirements on:

- 1) operation in low temperatures.
- 2) instances when bilge level alarms are used as water level detectors on multiple hold cargo ships for compliance with new SOLAS regulation II-1/25-1.
- 3) clarification on where the height of the water level detector is measured when a lining or insulation is fitted to a hold.

Additionally, the Sub-Committee agreed that the revised Performance Standards should apply to water level detectors installed on or after 1 January 2024.

Next Steps: The revised Performance Standard will be progressed to MSC 105 (Apr-2022) for further consideration and approval, for release as resolution MSC.188(79)/Rev.1.

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