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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>Flashpoint of Bunkered Fuel Oil</b>
Reference	SOLAS II-2/4.2.1

**Flashpoint of Bunkered Fuel Oil**

SOLAS Chapter II-2 has been amended to address safety concerns related to fuel oil characteristics by requiring a flashpoint declaration from the fuel oil supplier or confirmation that the flashpoint is above 70°C.

Ships shall be provided with a declaration signed and certified by the fuel oil supplier's representative that the oil fuel supplied is in conformity with Regulation 4.2.1 of SOLAS II-2/4.2.1 and the test method used for determining the flashpoint.

Cases where oil fuel suppliers have failed to meet flashpoint requirements should be properly reported. Amendments on this subject affect these regulations in Chapter II-2:

- Regulation 1 – Application
- Regulation 3 – Definitions
- Regulation 4 – Probability of Ignition

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REFERENCES: Regulation 4.2.1 of SOLAS II-2/4.2.1

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