

TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 881 of 5th July 2025

То	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Fixed and Mobile Water Monitors
Reference	SOLAS Regulation II-2/10.7.3

Draft Amendments to SOLAS Regulation II-2/10.7.3 Concerning Fixed and Mobile Water Monitors

The Sub-Committee progressed the draft amendments concerning fixed and mobile water monitors and agreed to a goal-based approach with regard to a requirement for number and installation of fixed water monitors. The specific provision for the number and installation of fixed water monitors in such a way that two monitors can always reach, in the entire deck cargo area, the top of the uppermost container, were left to be to further considered and developed by the correspondence group. Likewise, the draft provisions on minimum monitor capacity, as well as the survey requirements, were left to be further developed.

For ships intended to carry dangerous goods in dedicated areas, the capacity of fire pumps and fire main diameter shall also comply with regulation 19.3.1.2, as far as applicable to on-deck cargo areas. Still the number of fixed water monitors is not to be prescribed, with the understanding that requirements are clear enough.

Next steps: The Sub-Committee instructed the Correspondence Group on Fire Protection to further develop the draft amendment to SOLAS Regulation II-2/10.7.3 concerning fixed and mobile water monitors with a view to finalization at SSE 12 (2026).

Other Matters Related to Detection and Control of Fires in Cargo Holds and on the Cargo Deck of Container ships

Due to time constraints, the Sub-Committee was not able to consider the following topics at this session:

- Active protection systems
- Potential impact of measures on other systems or other parts of the existing requirements
- Bilge capacity, potential free surface effects and stability issues
- Application and approval standards of video fire detection systems

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