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MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY CONVENTION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2025 AND PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (REPORTING OF POLLUTION INCIDENTS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2025

1. This circular informs the shipping community on the amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations and the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations which will enter into force on 01 January 2026.

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

2. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention), through Resolutions [MSC.520\(106\)](#), [MSC.532\(107\)](#), [MSC.534\(107\)](#) and [MSC.550\(108\)](#) which will enter into force on 01 January 2026.

3. Resolution [MSC.520\(106\)](#) adopted amendments to the SOLAS Convention to:
- a) introduce pre-bunkering requirements for ships carrying oil fuel, whereby the oil fuel supplier's representative will be required to provide a signed and certified declaration that the oil fuel supplied is in conformity with the relevant regulation, and the bunker delivery note must now also contain flashpoint details for the oil fuel delivered; and
 - b) introduce requirements for IMO to be informed for all confirmed cases where oil fuel suppliers have failed to meet the specified requirements, and for actions to be taken against oil fuel suppliers found delivering non-compliant oil fuel.

4. Resolutions [MSC.532\(107\)](#) and [MSC.534\(107\)](#) adopted amendments to the SOLAS Convention to:

- a) require lifting appliances and anchor handling winches to now be designed, constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with SOLAS requirements;
- b) prohibit the use or storage of firefighting foams containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, which would minimise the impact of fire-extinguishing media that are detrimental to the environment;
- c) incorporate a new requirement for electronic inclinometers to be carried on board all containerships and bulk carriers of 3,000 gross tonnage and upwards;
- d) include selected non-SOLAS ship types operating in polar waters under the Polar Code; and
- e) amend the templates of forms of the various SOLAS certificates to include “containership” as new ship type within cargo ship safety equipment / safety certificates, nuclear cargo ship safety certificate, and specify details on provision of immersion suits and electronic inclinometers.

5. Resolution [MSC.550\(108\)](#) adopted amendments to the SOLAS Convention to:

- a) update requirements for oil fuel safety; fire detection and alarm systems in accommodation/service and cargo control spaces; and fire and structural protection systems for vehicle/ro-ro/special category ships and passenger ships; and
- b) introduce new reporting requirements when freight containers are lost at sea.

6. The amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations will give effect to the Resolutions [MSC.520\(106\)](#), [MSC.532\(107\)](#), [MSC.534\(107\)](#) and [MSC.550\(108\)](#).

Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

7. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the IMO had adopted amendments to Protocol I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Convention), through Resolution [MEPC.384\(81\)](#) which will enter into force on 01 January 2026.

8. Resolution [MEPC.384\(81\)](#) introduces, under Article V of Protocol I, new reporting procedures for the loss of containers, in accordance with the requirements on danger messages under the SOLAS Convention.

9. The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations will give effect to the Resolution [MEPC.384\(81\)](#).

10. Copies of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (Government Gazette No. **S 738/2025**) and Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (Government Gazette No. **S 739/2025**) can be purchased at:

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11. The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations and the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations can also be accessed on [Singapore Statutes Online](#).

12. Any queries relating to this circular should be emailed to shipping@mpa.gov.sg.

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