

Engineering Circular No. 127

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Subject:- Amendments to Fire fighting regulations on Passenger Ships, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, during its eighty-fifth (85th) session - reg.	
1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization during its eighty-fifth (85th) session considered and adopted amendments to Chapter II-2 (CONSTRUCTION- FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE DETECTION AND FIRE EXTINCTION) Regulation 10 (Fire fighting) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974. 2. These amendments are applicable to Passenger ships carrying more than 36 passengers constructed on or after 01st July 2010. 3. The amendments stipulate that the applicable ships shall be provided with suitably located means for fully recharging breathing air cylinders, free from contamination. 4. Further the amendments specify that the means shall be either: i) Breathing air compressors supplied from the main and emergency switchboard, or independently driven, with a minimum capacity of 60 l/min per required breathing apparatus, not to exceed 420 l /min. OR ii) Self-Contained high-pressure storage systems of suitable pressure to recharge the breathing apparatus used on board, with a capacity of at least 1200 l per required breathing apparatus, not to exceed 50,000 l of free air. 5. It is deemed that these amendments have been accepted on the 01st January 2010 and have entered into force on 01st July 2010. Informatively these amendments have been documented in Annex 1 of the Resolution MSC.269(85) which can be referenced from the DGS website: www.dgshipping.com, shipping notices, Engineering Branch, SOLAS/FFA. Sd/- (D. Mehrotra) Dy. Chief Surveyor cum Sr. DDG(Tech)	
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