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UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 102nd session (4 to 11 November 2020), with a view to providing more specific guidance regarding SOLAS regulation II-2/9, approved a unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-2/9 regarding isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances in accommodation spaces, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment, at its seventh session (2 to 6 March 2020), as set out in the annex.

2 Member States are invited to use the annexed unified interpretation as guidance when applying SOLAS regulation II-2/9 on ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2021, and to bring the unified interpretation to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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Regulation II-2/9.2.2.3.2.2(9) – Containment of fire, thermal and structural boundaries

"Isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances in accommodation spaces" are pantries enclosed in an accommodation space and are only accessible from accommodation spaces and/or open deck. For the purpose of this categorization, "accommodation space" is as defined in SOLAS regulation II-2/3.1. These pantries, shown in figure 1 below, should not have communicating openings to spaces other than accommodation spaces, such as a category 12 "main galley". These pantries do not contain cooking appliances, except as allowed in accordance with *Amendments to the unified interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-2, the FSS Code, the FTP Code and related fire test procedures (MSC/Circ.1120)* (MSC.1/Circ.1436).

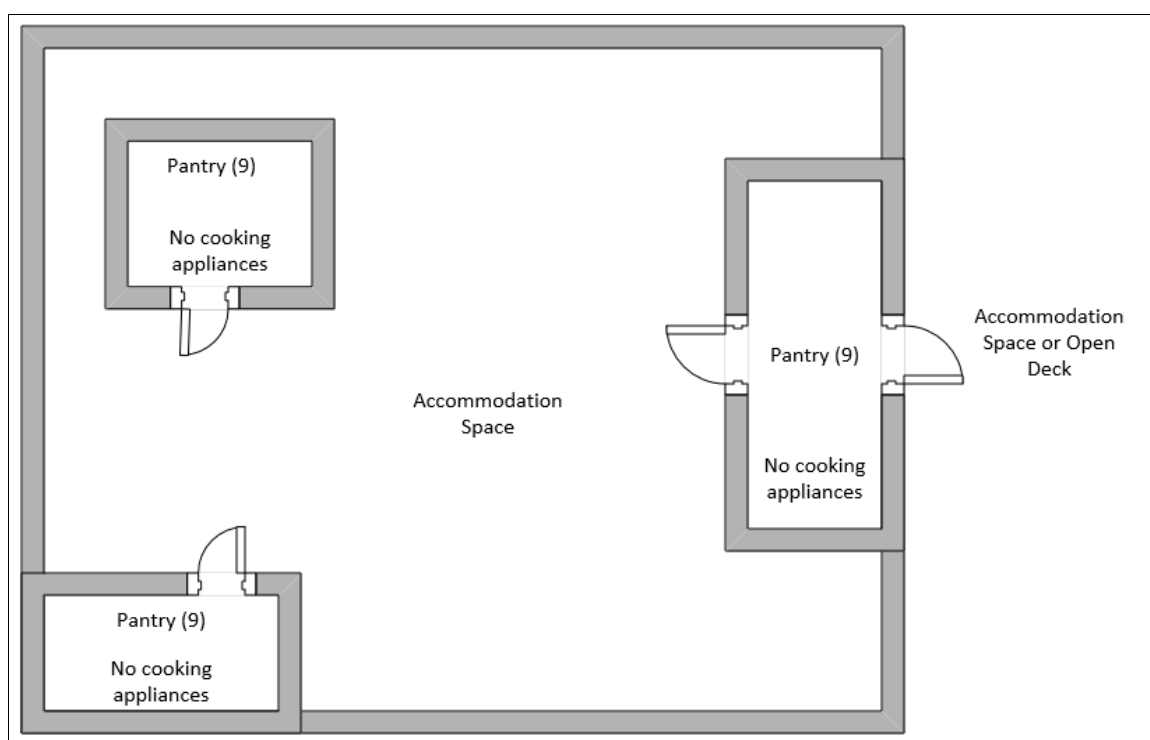


Figure 1: Examples of category 9 "Isolated pantry containing no cooking appliances in an accommodation space"