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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 General**

This publication presents one of the outcomes of MSC 88<sup>th</sup> Committee which is related to installation of materials which contain asbestos.

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### **1.2 Changes**

This edition dated 2010.Jan.01 and any other necessary changes related to this document will be announced after this date.

## **2. Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Reg.II-1/3-5**

### **2.1 Adoption**

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 88th session, approved MSC.1/Circ.1379 which is the unified interpretation of “new installation of materials is containing asbestos” in SOLAS Reg.II-1/3-5. Please refer to the following notice for the background and the content of this unified interpretation.

### **2.2 Technical History**

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 86th session, adopted the amendment to SOLAS Reg.II-1/3-5 by Res.MSC.282 (86), according to which, new installation of materials containing asbestos shall be prohibited as follows:

- Application: From 1 January 2011, for all ships, new installation of materials which contain asbestos shall be prohibited.
- The installation of materials containing asbestos has been prohibited with certain exceptions, but those exceptions are deleted, so all new installation of materials containing asbestos shall be prohibited from 1 January 2011.

During discussion for the adoption of the above amendment, there had been an opinion that a new paragraph should be added to SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5, adding a definition of 'new installation of materials containing asbestos', but the Committee had instructed DE Sub-Committee to consider the matter further.

DE Sub-Committee, at its 53rd session, agreed to the draft MSC circular on Unified Interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5, as set out in the ensuing paragraph 2, for submission to MSC 88 for approval. Subsequently, MSC 88 approved it as MSC.1/Circ.1379.

### **2.3 Summary**

Unified Interpretation of “new installation of materials containing asbestos” in SOLAS Chapter II-1 Regulation 3-5 (MSC.1/Circ.1379) in the context of this regulation, 'new installation of materials containing asbestos' means any new physical installation on board. **Any material purchased prior to 1 January 2011 being kept in the ship's store or in the shipyard for a ship under construction, should not be permitted to be installed after 1 January 2011 as a working part.**

## **3. References**

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