Clarification of the Definition of Isolated Pantries Containing No Cooking Appliances in Accommodation Spaces

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships

Reason for Amendment

SOLAS regulation II-2/9.2.2.3.2 specifies requirements regarding the fire integrity of bulkheads and decks for passenger ships with respect to categories (1) to (14) for determining the appropriate fire integrity standards to be applied to divisions between adjacent spaces.

Category (9) covers sanitary and similar spaces and includes a definition for isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances in accommodation spaces; in recent years, however, it has been pointed out by members of relevant industries that this definition is somewhat unclear.

In March 2020, the United States submitted a draft unified interpretation which clarifies the definition with respect to pantries enclosed in accommodation spaces which are only accessible from accommodation spaces to the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment for review at its 7th session (SSE7). The draft was agreed at SSE7 and was adopted as MSC.1/Circ.1634 at the 102nd Session of IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC102) held in November 2020.

Accordingly, relevant requirement was amended based upon MSC.1/Circ.1634.

Outline of Amendment

Clarified the definition of isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances in accommodation spaces classified as category (9).

Amended Requirements

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