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Foreword

The International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code) was adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its seventy-third session in December 2000, by resolution MSC.98(73), in order to provide international standards for the fire safety systems and equipment required by chapter II-2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention. The Code is made mandatory under SOLAS amendments to the Convention adopted by the MSC at the same session, by resolution MSC.99(73), and entered into force on 1 July 2002.

The FSS Code has been amended in accordance with SOLAS article VIII as follows:

- .1 by the May 2006 amendments, which were adopted by resolution MSC.206(81) and entered into force on 1 July 2010;
- .2 by the December 2006 amendments, which were adopted by resolution MSC.217(82) and entered into force on 1 July 2008 and 1 July 2010, as applicable;
- .3 by the May 2010 amendments, which were adopted by resolution MSC.292(87) and entered into force on 1 January 2012;
- .4 by the December 2010 amendments, which were adopted by resolution MSC.311(88) and entered into force on 1 July 2012;
- .5 by the May 2012 amendments, which were adopted by resolution MSC.327(90) and entered into force on 1 January 2014;
- .6 by the November 2012 amendments, which were adopted by resolution MSC.339(91) and entered into force on 1 July 2014; and
- .7 by the May 2014 amendments, which were adopted by resolution MSC.367(93) and enter into force on 1 January 2016.

The consolidated text of the FSS Code in the present publication incorporates the above sets of amendments.

In order to make this publication as comprehensive as possible for use by equipment and systems manufacturers, shipowners and operators, shipyards, classification societies and Administrations, all related fire safety standards and guidelines adopted by either the Assembly or the MSC and referred to in the FSS Code have been incorporated, as appropriate, in this publication for the guidance and convenience of users.*

* Please always refer to the IMO website for updated circulars.