

SC 278

Escape from accommodation spaces, service spaces and control stations on cargo ships

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SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 13.3.3.2 and 13.3.3.3

3.3.2 *Escape from spaces below the lowest open deck*

Below the lowest open deck the main means of escape shall be a stairway and the second escape may be a trunk or a stairway.

3.3.3 *Escape from spaces above the lowest open deck*

Above the lowest open deck the means of escape shall be stairways or doors to an open deck or a combination thereof.

Interpretation

The “lowest open deck” shall be a category (10) “Open deck” (as defined in SOLAS chapter II-2, regulations 9.2.3.3.2.2 and 9.2.4.2.2.2) at the lowest height from baseline in way of accommodation spaces.

Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be applied by IACS Societies on ships contracted for construction on or after 1 February 2016.
2. The “contracted for construction” date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of “contract for construction”, refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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