

# SC167 Electrical distribution boards

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**Interpretation of SOLAS chapter II-2 regulations 9.2.2.3.2.2(7), 9.2.2.4.2.2(5), 9.2.3.3.2.2(5) and 9.2.4.2.2.2(5))**

**SOLAS II-2/9.2.2.3.2.2(7) reads as follows:**

*For determining the appropriate fire integrity standards to be applied to boundaries between adjacent spaces, such spaces are classified according to their fire risk as shown in categories (1) to (14) below. Where the contents and use of a space are such that there is a doubt as to its classification for the purpose of this regulation, or where it is possible to assign two or more classifications to a space, it shall be treated as a space within the relevant category having the most stringent boundary requirements. Smaller, enclosed rooms within a space that have less than 30% communicating openings to that space are considered separate spaces. The fire integrity of the boundary bulkheads and decks of such smaller rooms shall be as prescribed in tables 9.1 and 9.2. The title of each category is intended to be typical rather than restrictive. The number in parentheses preceding each category refers to the applicable column or row in the tables.*

*(7) Accommodation spaces of moderate fire risk*

*Spaces as in category (6) above but containing furniture and furnishings of other than restricted fire risk.*

*Public spaces containing furniture and furnishings of restricted fire risk and having a deck area of 50 m<sup>2</sup> or more.*

*Isolated lockers and small store-rooms in accommodation spaces having areas less than 4 m<sup>2</sup> (in which flammable liquids are not stowed).*

*Motion picture projection and film stowage rooms. Diet kitchens (containing no open flame).*

*Cleaning gear lockers (in which flammable liquids are not stowed).*

*Laboratories (in which flammable liquids are not stowed).*

*Pharmacies.*

*Small drying rooms (having a deck area of 4 m<sup>2</sup> or less).*

*Specie rooms.*

*Operating rooms.*

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Note:

1. This UI SC167 is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Members and Associates from 1 January 2003.

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**SC167** SOLAS II-2/9.2.2.4.2.2(5) reads as follows:  
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*For determining the appropriate fire integrity standards to be applied to divisions between adjacent spaces, such spaces are classified according to their fire risk as shown in categories (1) to (11) below. Where the contents and use of a space are such that there is a doubt as to its classification for the purpose of this regulation, or where it is possible to assign two or more classifications to a space, it shall be treated as a space within the relevant category having the most stringent boundary requirements. Smaller, enclosed rooms within a space that have less than 30 % communicating openings to that space are considered separate spaces. The fire integrity of the boundary bulkheads and decks of such smaller rooms shall be as prescribed in tables 9.3 and 9.4. The title of each category is intended to be typical rather than restrictive. The number in parentheses preceding each category refers to the applicable column or row in the tables.*

*(5) Service spaces (low risk)*

*Lockers and store-rooms not having provisions for the storage of flammable liquids and having areas less than 4 m<sup>2</sup> and drying rooms and laundries.*

**SOLAS II-2/9.2.3.3.2.2(5) reads as follows:**

*For determining the appropriate fire integrity standards to be applied to divisions between adjacent spaces, such spaces are classified according to their fire risk as shown in categories (1) to (11) below. Where the contents and use of a space are such that there is a doubt as to its classification for the purpose of this regulation, or where it is possible to assign two or more classifications to a space, it shall be treated as a space within the relevant category having the most stringent boundary requirements. Smaller, enclosed rooms within a space that have less than 30% communicating openings to that space are considered separate spaces. The fire integrity of the boundary bulkheads and decks of such smaller rooms shall be as prescribed in tables 9.5 and 9.6. The title of each category is intended to be typical rather than restrictive. The number in parentheses preceding each category refers to the applicable column or row in the tables.*

*(5) Service spaces (low risk)*

*Lockers and store-rooms not having provisions for the storage of flammable liquids and having areas less than 4 m<sup>2</sup> and drying rooms and laundries.*

**SOLAS II-2/9.2.4.2.2.2(5) reads as follows:**

*For determining the appropriate fire integrity standards to be applied to divisions between adjacent spaces, such spaces are classified according to their fire risk as shown in categories (1) to (10) below. Where the contents and use of a space are such that there is a doubt as to its classification for the purpose of this regulation, or where it is possible to assign two or more classifications to a space, it shall be treated as a space within the relevant category having the most stringent boundary requirements. Smaller, enclosed areas within a space that have less than 30% communicating openings to that space are considered separate areas. The fire integrity of the boundary bulkheads and decks of such smaller spaces shall be as prescribed in tables 9.7 and 9.8. The title of each category is intended to be typical rather than restrictive. The number in parentheses preceding each category refers to the applicable column or row in the tables.*

*(5) Service spaces (low risk)*

*Lockers and store-rooms not having provisions for the storage of flammable liquids and having areas less than 4 m<sup>2</sup> and drying rooms and laundries.*

**SC167 Interpretation**

(cont) Distribution boards may be located behind panels/linings within accommodation spaces including stairway enclosures, without the need to categorize the space, provided no provision is made for storage.

If distribution boards are located in an identifiable space having a deck area of less than 4 m<sup>2</sup>, this space may be categorized in (7), according to regulation 9.2.2.3.2.2, or (5), according to regulations 9.2.2.4.2.2, 9.2.3.3.2.2 and 9.2.4.2.2.2.

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