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**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS
TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS**

**Comments on document MSC 98/3
regarding draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/20**

Submitted by the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document proposes a reformatting of the text of the draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/20 that were approved at MSC 97

Strategic direction: 2.0

High-level action: 2.0.1

Output: 2.0.1.5

Action to be taken: Paragraph 5

Related documents: MSC 97/22, paragraphs 10.4 and 10.5, and annex 20); and MSC 98/3, annex 1

Introduction

1 This document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 6.12.5 of the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5), and provides comments on the draft amendment to SOLAS regulation II-2/20.2 as set out in annex 1 to document MSC 98/3 (Secretariat).

Discussion

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-seventh session, approved the draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/20.2 on clarifying the fire protection requirements for cargo spaces carrying vehicles with fuel in their tanks and the interaction with the IMDG Code.

3 As advised during MSC 97, IACS has reconsidered the formatting of the text of the proposed amendments and suggests that they could be improved to make the intent clearer. The proposed reformatted text is set out in the annex to this document. It is to be noted that it is not the intention of IACS to change, in any way, the technical content of the draft amendments as approved by MSC 97.

4 IACS notes the decision of MSC 97 that the "parallel" amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/20-1 were no longer necessary (MSC 97/22, paragraph 10.4). In this respect, IACS requests the Committee to confirm, or advise otherwise, that SOLAS regulation II-2/19 and the IMDG Code can be applied to cargo spaces on ships other than vehicle carriers when carrying vehicles with compressed hydrogen or compressed natural gas in the tanks for their own propulsion.

Action requested of the Committee

5 The Committee is requested to consider the drafting proposals as shown in the annex to this document and the request for clarification in paragraph 4 above, and decide as appropriate.

ANNEX

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO SOLAS REGULATION II-2/20.2

The existing paragraph 2.1 is replaced with the following text:

"2.1. Application

2.1.1 In addition to complying with the requirements of regulations in parts B, C, D and E, as appropriate, vehicle, special category and ro-ro spaces shall comply with the requirements of this regulation.

2.1.2 Notwithstanding the above, cargo spaces on all ships carrying vehicles with fuel in their tanks for their own propulsion need not comply with this regulation provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- .1 the vehicles do not use their own propulsion within the cargo space;
 - .2 the cargo spaces are in compliance with the appropriate requirements of regulation 19; and
 - .3 the vehicles are carried in accordance with the IMDG Code, as defined in regulation VII/1.1."
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