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#### Proposed amendments to the footnotes in the SOLAS Convention and the LSA Code consequential to the adoption of resolution A.1116(30)

Submitted by IACS

#### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document proposes minor amendments to footnotes in the SOLAS Convention and the LSA Code that are considered to be consequential to the adoption of *Escape Route Signs and Equipment Location Markings* (resolution A.1116(30))

*Strategic direction, if applicable:* 6

*Output:* Not applicable

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 8

*Related document:* C/ES.27/D

#### Introduction

1 The Assembly, at its thirtieth session (A 30), adopted *Escape Route Signs and Equipment Location Markings* (resolution A.1116(30)). Paragraph 4 of this resolution states:

"INVITES Contracting Governments to note that these escape route signs and equipment location markings should take effect on ships constructed on or after 1 January 2019 or ships which undergo repairs, alterations, modifications and outfitting within the scope of SOLAS chapters II-2 and/or III, as applicable, on or after 1 January 2019, and that they should be used, as appropriate, in combination with resolution A.952(23) for the preparation of the shipboard fire control plans required by SOLAS regulation II-2/15.2.4."

2 It is noted that resolution A.1116(30) does not revoke *Symbols related to life-saving appliances and arrangements* (resolution A.760(18)), which remains extant for existing ships unless they undergo repairs, alterations, modifications and outfitting, as detailed in paragraph 4 of resolution A.1116(30).

## Discussion

3 Resolution A.760(18) is referred to in the footnotes to SOLAS regulations II-2/13.7.1.1, III/9.2.3, III/11.5 and III/20.10 and paragraph 2.2.1.10.2 of the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code).

4 *Graphical symbols for shipboard fire control plans* (resolution A.952(23)) is referred to in the footnote to SOLAS regulation II-2/15.2.4.

5 As the signs in the resolutions differ and table 3 of resolution A.1116(30) does not include all the graphical symbols in resolution A.952(23), in order to facilitate the global and consistent implementation of these provisions, it is important to identify which resolution should be referred to in the mandatory texts and in what circumstances. However, in the view of IACS, the simple addition of a reference to resolution A.1116(30) or resolutions A.1116(30) and A.952(23), in the relevant footnotes, would not provide the necessary clarity.

## Proposals

### ***Footnote regarding graphical symbols for fire control plans***

6 To address the situation outlined in paragraph 5 above, IACS proposes that the footnote to SOLAS regulation II-2/15.2.4 is amended to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

"Refer to *Graphical symbols for fire control plans* (resolution A.952(23)) and/or table 3 of *Escape Route Signs and Equipment Location Markings* (resolution A.1116(30)), as appropriate. Refer to the symbols in table 3 of resolution A.1116(30) where the symbols for a specific item are differently expressed in resolutions A.952(23) and A.1116(30)."

### ***Footnotes regarding graphical symbols for life-saving appliances***

7 Similarly, IACS proposes that the footnotes to SOLAS regulations II-2/13.7.1.1, III/9.2.3, III/11.5 and III/20.10 and section 2.2.1.10.2 of the LSA Code are amended to generally read as follows:

"Refer to *Symbols related to life-saving appliances and arrangements* (resolution A.760(18)), as amended, and/or tables 1 and 2 of *Escape Route Signs and Equipment Location Markings* (resolution A.1116(30)), as appropriate. Refer to the new symbols in tables 1 and 2 of resolution A.1116(30) where the symbols for a specific item are differently expressed in resolutions A.760(18) and A.1116(30)."

## Action requested of the Sub-Committee

8 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the foregoing, in particular the proposals in paragraphs 6 and 7 above. If the Sub-Committee agrees with these proposals, and noting paragraph 3.2(vi) of document C/ES.27/D,<sup>2</sup> the Sub-Committee is further invited to consider recommending to MSC 102, as an urgent matter, that the Secretariat be requested to take the appropriate action when preparing the next publication of the SOLAS Convention and LSA Code.

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<sup>1</sup> Tracked changes are indicated using "grey shading" to highlight new insertions.

<sup>2</sup> "... it being understood that minor corrections/issues could continue to be considered by the committees under the agenda item 'Any other business'";