

Means of embarkation on and disembarkation from ships

Anew SOLAS regulation II-1/3-9 adopted at MSC 84 required ships constructed on or after 1st January 2010 to be provided with means of embarkation and disembarkation, such as gangway and accommodation ladders, constructed and installed, maintained and inspected or surveyed based on the guidelines to be developed by the DE Sub-Committee.

Embarkation on and disembarkation

Noted that SOLAS has not had such a requirement before. It is only mentioned in Ch. V as part of pilot access.

It is not required if the Administration deems it unreasonable or impractical. This may e.g. if a ship small freeboard and is provided with boarding ramp or for ships engaged on voyages between designated ports where appropriate shore accommodation / embarkation ladders / platforms are provided (ferries on fixed routes).

Fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing system (SOLAS Reg. II-2/10.4.1.5)

New retroactive requirement:

By the first scheduled dry-docking after 1st January 2010 fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing system for the protection of machinery space and cargo ships on ships constructed before 1st January 20002 shall comply with requirements for two separate controls (FSS Code 5.2.2.2).

Drainage of special category and ro-ro spaces

- Ships constructed on or after 1st January 2010, shall be provided with means to prevents of closed spaces fitted with fixed water spraying systems to prevent accumulation of water on the vehicle deck.
- Ships constructed before 1st January 2010 shall comply with this requirement by first survey after 1st January 2010.
- Guidelines for drainage systems in such spaces will be developed by IMO.