

**GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF FIRE CONTROL PLANS
FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF SHORESIDE FIRE-FIGHTING PERSONNEL**

(SOLAS reg. II-2/20)

1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its fiftieth session noted that regulation II-2/20.2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention as amended requires a duplicate set of fire control plans or a booklet containing such plans to be permanently stored in a prominently marked weathertight enclosure outside the deckhouse for the assistance of shoreside fire brigades.

2 The Committee has confirmed the importance of providing such information on fire control plans to be readily available on board for the guidance in an emergency of shoreside fire-fighting personnel, and also to co-ordinate the action to be taken in co-operation with the ships crew who will have a more intimate knowledge and experience of facilities for fire fighting available on board.

3 The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-third session approved the guidance concerning the location of fire control plans for the assistance of shoreside fire-fighting personnel (attached in the annex), and Member Governments are invited to use this guidance in the location of fire control plans on their ships, as early as possible.

ANNEX

1 General

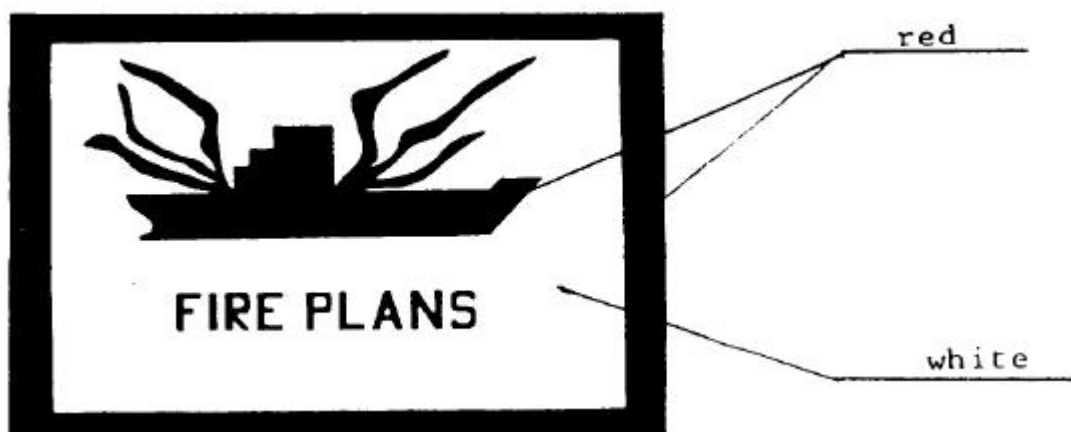
Regulation II-2/20.2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention as amended requires all new and existing ships to be provided with fire control plans (or a booklet) for the assistance of shoreside fire-fighting personnel (e.g. port fire brigade) and the plans shall be permanently stowed in a prominently marked weathertight enclosure outside the deckhouse.

2 Location

2.1 The enclosure should be readily available to the shoreside fire-fighting personnel so that any expected fire on board will not readily cut off access to it. In oil tankers, chemical tankers and gas carriers the fire control plans should not be located on exterior boundaries of superstructures which face cargo tanks and on the surfaces within 3 m from them along the side.

2.2 The enclosure should be red and the contents of the enclosure should be indicated by a red ship silhouette on white background. Dimensions of the location sign should not be less than 297 x 400 mm (see figure 1).

Figure 1 - Location sign



2.3 If the enclosure is not adjacent to the gangway, there should be guide signs to help the shoreside fire-fighting personnel to find the enclosure containing the fire control plans. The guide sign should be the location sign defined in paragraph 2.2 with the addition of a red arrow (figures 2.1 or 2.2, at the discretion of the Administration) showing the direction where the fire control plan enclosure can be found.

Figure 2 - Guide sign



The arrows show the direction where the fire control plan enclosure can be found

2.4 The enclosure should be capable of being easily opened.

2.5 The enclosure with the fire control plan should be located in a well-illuminated position, if possible including illumination from an emergency source.

2.6 The fire control plan should be protected against marine environment.

3 Information

Shoreside fire brigades and other rescue organizations should be informed of the contents of the fire control plans and the signs indicating the location of the fire control plan enclosure.