



**Shipping Guidance Notice – 088**  
**SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 10.10 – Fire-fighter’s Outfits**

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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master’s, Classification Societies and Recognised Organisations

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Related legislation or requirements: -

- SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 10.10 (as amended)
- FSS Code, Chapter 3, Section 2.1 (as amended)
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 2002 (as amended)
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Survey, Certification, and Safety) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this guidance notice is to address concerns in respect of the type of fire-fighter’s outfits as required by SOLAS Chapter II-2, Regulation 10.10, and FSS Code Chapter 3, Section 2.1.

It has come to the attention of the Administration that some ships may be only provided with ‘fire proximity suits’ in respect of the mandatory fire fighter’s outfits. Though suitable for uses such as boundary cooling, proximity suits are not suitable for fire-fighting.

2. Requirements of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration

Fire-fighting protective clothing provided for the mandatory fire-fighting outfits should be approved for enclosed space entry. Protective clothing approved to a fire proximity standard only (such as EN 531), with limitations such as “not suitable for fire entry” or “not a fire entry suit” are not acceptable as the mandatory fire-fighting outfits.

Fire-fighter’s outfits must be provided in accordance with MED Standards. The following are the latest MED Standards:

Fire-fighter’s outfits	BS EN 469:2005; Protective clothing for firefighters. Performance requirements for protective clothing for firefighting. BS EN 1486:2007; Protective clothing for fire-fighters. Test methods and requirements for reflective clothing for specialized fire-fighting. ISO 15538:2001; Protective clothing for firefighters. Laboratory test methods and performance requirements for protective clothing with a reflective outer surface.
Fire-fighter’s boots	BS EN 15090:2012; Footwear for firefighters
Fire-fighter’s gloves	BS EN 659:2003+A1:2008 Protective gloves for firefighters
Fire-fighter’s helmets	BS EN 443:2008 Helmets for fire-fighting in buildings and other structures

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