

INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR APPLICATION OF FIRE TEST PROCEDURES

1 SCOPE

1.1 This Code is intended for use by the Administration and the competent authority of the flag State when approving products for installation in ships flying the flag of the flag State in accordance with the fire safety requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

1.2 This Code shall be used by the testing laboratories when testing and evaluating products under this Code.

2 APPLICATION

2.1 This Code is applicable for the products which are required to be tested, evaluated and approved in accordance with the Fire Test Procedures Code as referenced in the Convention.

2.2 Where reference to the Code is indicated in the Convention by the terminology "... in accordance with the Fire Test Procedures Code" the subject product shall be tested in accordance with the applicable fire test procedure or procedures as referred to in paragraph 4.1.

2.3 Where reference is only made to a product's fire performance in the Convention using such terminology as "... and their exposed surfaces shall have low flame spread characteristics", the subject product shall be tested in accordance with the applicable fire test procedure or procedures as referred to in paragraph 4.1.

3 DEFINITIONS

3.1 "Fire Test Procedures Code" means the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures as defined in chapter II-2 of the Convention, as amended.

3.2 "Test expiry date" means the last date on which the given test procedure may be used to test and subsequently approve any product under the Convention.

3.3 "Approval expiry date" means the last date on which the subsequent approval is valid as proof of meeting the fire safety requirements of the Convention.

3.4 "Administration" means the Government of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly.

3.5 "Competent authority" means an organization authorized by the Administration to perform functions required by this Code.

3.6 "Laboratory recognized by the Administration" means a testing laboratory which is acceptable to the Administration concerned. Other testing laboratories may be recognized on a case-by-case basis for specific approvals as agreed upon by the Administration concerned.

3.7 "Convention" means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

3.8 "Standard fire test" means a test in which specimens are exposed in a test furnace to temperatures corresponding approximately to the standard time-temperature curve.