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Subject: Prohibition on the use and storage of fire-extinguishing media containing PFOS

Maritime Safety Committee at its 107th session has adopted the amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2, 1994 HSC Code, and 2000 HSC Code to prohibit the use and storage of fire-extinguishing media containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and to enforce their disposal to shore-based reception facilities. The amendments aim to safeguard human health and the environment and will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

Accordingly, enclosed herewith please find the relevant technical information and required actions for your reference.

Kind regards,

Enclosure: Prohibition on the use and storage of fire-extinguishing media containing PFOS

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