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## Introduction

The growth of international travel by ship has created a need to provide people travelling and working on board ships with signs and associated systems that communicate consistent and effective safety information. This document specifies a system of safety and fire control plan signs on ships and other marine installations that is generally consistent with standardized signs, with which many have gained familiarity in other applications.

As such, this document clarifies and supplements existing requirements set out in SOLAS regulation II-2, 13.7.2.2 and III,8.4,<sup>[10]</sup> IMO resolution A.752 (18), 4.6<sup>[8]</sup> and MSC /Circ.699.<sup>[7]</sup> However, it is directly applicable to shipboard safety signs only, and does not deal with graphical symbols to be used on shipboard plans or documentation used for professionals.

This document spells out general design principles applicable to shipboard escape plan signs for escape and embarkation of people on board survival crafts, other than the ones who are involved to special safety actions. The signs are catalogued in [ISO 24409-2](#), and their application on ships is specified in [ISO 24409-3](#).

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