



## PAINT LOCKERS AND FLAMMABLE LIQUID LOCKERS

### *Technical Notice SLS.1*

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,  
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

Paint lockers and flammable liquid lockers having a deck area of  $4\text{m}^2$  or more shall be provided with a fixed fire-extinguishing system enabling the crew to extinguish a fire from outside the space. The fixed fire-extinguishing system may be any of the following:

- a) a carbon dioxide system that is designed for 40 per cent of the gross volume of the space, or
- b) a dry-powder system that is designed for at least 0.5 kg powder per cubic metre, or
- c) a water-spraying system that is designed to provide a supply of 5 litres/ $\text{m}^2$ /minute. Water spraying systems may be connected to the ship's main system.

Systems other than those mentioned above may be accepted provided these are not less effective.

For paint lockers and flammable liquid lockers having a deck area of less than  $4\text{m}^2$ , portable carbon dioxide or dry-powder fire extinguishers may be accepted in lieu of fixed installations.

Paint lockers, regardless of use, should not be located above the tanks and spaces defined in SOLAS Regulations II-2/4.5.1.2 and 4.5.1.3 on oil tankers, and the cargo area on chemical tankers (Reference: MSC.1/Circ.1239 and MSC.1/Circ.1241)