

DMA Circular no. 035

Delayed implementation date of MSC.581(110) Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships

Reference to relevant regulation(s)

- MSC.581(110) Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships
- Order no. 1582 of 2 december 2025 on the construction and equipment of ships, etc., implementing the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974

Background

Resolution MSC.581(110) “Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships” was adopted by MSC on 27 June 2025, and entered into force internationally on 3 december 2025 after endorsement by Assembly 34.

The MSC resolution is not mandatory for Danish flagged ships until implementation within the Danish legislation have been completed.

Denmark will implement MSC.581(110) “Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships” within the dansk legislation on **juli 1st 2026**, where it will hereafter become mandatory for Danish flagged ships.

Until then the former Resolution A.1050(27) – Revised recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships will be applicable for Danish flagged vessels.

MSC.581(110) will be implemented within an updated version of Order no. 1582 of 2 december 2025 on the construction and equipment of ships, etc., implementing the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974.

The reason for the delayed implementation is first and foremost to allow Danish ship owners able time to implement these new requirements and to procure the new equipment required and secondly to allow the Danish authorities sufficient time to complete the legislative process and amend the Order no. 1582 of 2 december 2025 on the construction and equipment of ships, etc., implementing the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974.

However the Danish Maritime Authority strongly recommends all vessels flying the Danish flag to comply with this new guidelines as soon as practicable, and not later than July 1st 2026.

Instructions to RO and PSC

This circular is issued in the interim to offer instructions to PSC inspectors and RO surveyors going onboard Danish flagged vessels.

Port State Control Officers are welcome to contact the Danish Maritime Authority if any questions or remarks to the above.

Please be advised that the relevant Danish order will be amended to reference MSC.581(110), with full alignment by 1 July 2026.