

HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

73.0 USE AND CARE OF WALKIE TALKIES

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- Each vessel shall have 12 walkie talkies which are intrinsically safe. All walkie talkies on board shall be of same model / type.
- 8 walkie talkies out of 12 shall be used for routine communications
- To meet SOLAS requirements (SOLAS CH II 2 /10.4) and considering the number of fire party, each vessel shall maintain 4 Nos walkie talkies dedicated for firefighting purpose
- These 4 walkie talkies dedicated for firefighting purpose along with 4 battery chargers shall be labelled (FOR FIRE FIGHTERS COMMUNICATION) and shall NOT be used for any other purpose.
- Below Company sticker shall be posted in vicinity of firefighter walkie talkies

FIRE FIGHTING RADIOS (SOLAS CH II - 2 10.4) SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE DESIGNATED LOCATION AND SHALL NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN FIRE FIGHTING

• The 4 firefighter walkie talkies shall be kept in a glass /wooden box and sealed to prevent inadvertent use.





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The IMO symbol shall be posted near the fire fighters walkie talkies



- For the vessels where the location of firefighter walkie talkies is indicated in the fire plan, vessel shall keep the 4 walkie talkies and 4 battery chargers as per the fire plan.
- Example 1: Fire plan indicating location as SHIPS OFFICE



Example 2: Fire plan indicating location as NAV LOCKER and FIRE STATION

TWO—WAY PORTABLE RADIOTELEPHONE (EXPLOSION—PROOF TYPE OR INTRINSICALLY SAFE TYPE)	4	NAV.LOCKER2 FIRE STATION2
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- If the fire fighter walkie talkies are kept in the fire station (as per fire plan), the door of the fire station shall be kept sealed in port using security seal and the seal monitored regularly during port stay. Particular attention should be given to their security whilst in port.
- For the vessels where the location of fire fighter walkie talkies is not indicated in the fire plan, vessel shall keep the 4 walkie talkies and 4 battery chargers in the Ships Office.
- Power points for charging the fire fighters walkie talkies should be available at each location and each battery charger shall be kept connected to the power supply.
- All firefighter walkie talkies shall be tested during drills and kept back in position after the drill.
- Company has standardized the walkie talkie frequencies on our fleet. Refer to HSE manual 4.20. SAFETY EQUIPMENT for the frequencies.
- Precautions must be exercised in using the walkie talkies to prevent the entry of moisture/ sea water as it could damage the walkie talkies.
- A simple polythene bag or 'Cling Wrap' around the walkie talkie is a good practice, to prevent damage due to dust and rain.
- Walkie talkies shall not be carried on pockets as they can be accidentally dropped and get damaged or may get lost overboard. Leather or appropriate casings / holsters shall be used for carrying walkie talkies. (Holsters are to be used at all times when radios are out of the chargers. Under no circumstances may a radio be used out of a holster.)
- These are valuable items and should be treated with care. (Refer to below Photos showing poor condition due to improper care of walkie talkies)





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- All spare batteries shall be kept charged for immediate use.
- Channel number with frequencies shall be labelled on all walkie talkies.

Verified by: Master

Vessel:

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