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# Escape route signs and equipment location markings

IMO Assembly 30 adopted Resolution A.1116(30) - Escape route signs and equipment location markings, which harmonizes the requirements of SOLAS Regulations II-2/13, III/9, III/11 and III/20.  
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The IMO Assembly 30 recognizing the need for uniform international symbols to indicate the location of emergency equipment as well as muster stations and to ensure that the symbols used, adopted the [Resolution A.1116\(30\)](#) – “Escape route signs and equipment location markings”.

The Assembly noted that, through the Shipboard escape route signs and emergency equipment location markings (MSC.1/Circ.1553), Contracting Governments had been invited to bring standard ISO 24409-2:2014, which generally conforms to the corresponding symbols set out in the annex to resolution A.760(18) on Symbols related to life-saving appliances and arrangements, as amended, and in the annex to resolution A.952(23) on Graphical symbols for fire control plans, to the attention of ship designers, shipbuilders, shipowners, ship operators, ship masters, shore-based firefighting personnel and other parties concerned, so that they might use it, on a voluntary basis, for shipboard signage, in compliance with the relevant requirements of SOLAS chapters II-2 and III.

The escape route signs and equipment location markings take effect on all ships constructed on or after 1 January 2019 or ships which undergo repairs, alterations, modifications and outfitting within the scope of SOLAS chapters II-2 and/or III, as applicable, on or after 1 January 2019, and that they should be used, as appropriate, in combination with [Resolution A.952\(23\)](#) for the preparation of the shipboard fire control plans required by SOLAS regulation II-2/15.2.4.

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Shipowners / Managers / Operators should take into consideration the adopted Resolution when drawing up fire control plans for their fleet.

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