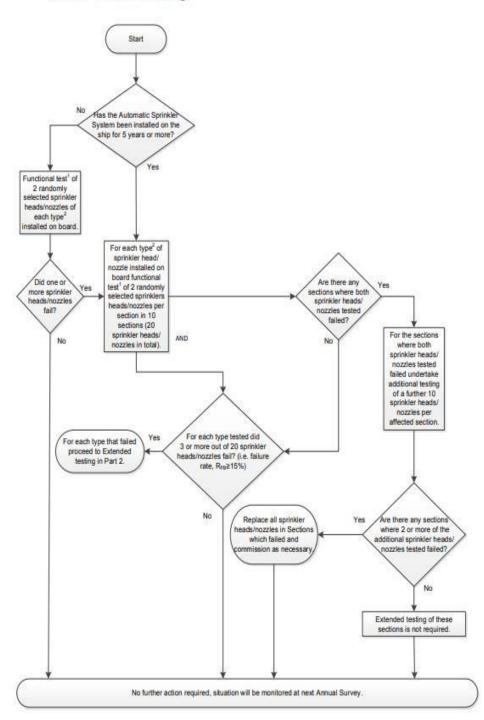


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Part 1 - Basic Testing



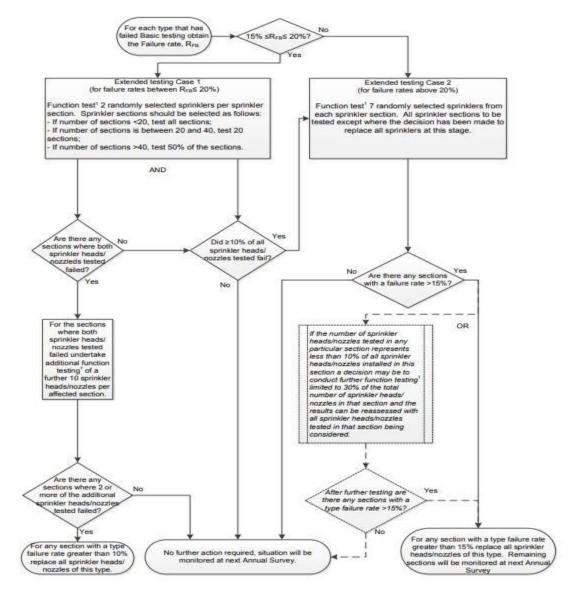


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### Part 2 - Extended testing

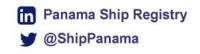


#### Explanatory notes to the Flowchart:

- 1. <u>Functional test is defined as a test that demonstrates the operation and flow of water</u> <u>from sprinkler head/nozzle.</u>
- 2. Type is defined as each different manufacturer model of sprinkler head/ nozzle.

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- 3. <u>Static / standby pressure is defined as the constant pressure maintained in the system at all times prior to activation.</u>
- 4. <u>All testing should be carried out at static / standby pressure.</u>
- 5. Failure rate (RFB) is the number of sprinkler heads/nozzles to fail testing divided by the test sample size multiplied by100;
  - r. During basic testing, and extended testing when applicable, of automatic sprinkler heads/nozzles as outlined in subparagraph (q.), water quality testing should be conducted in each corresponding piping section. Note – should a tested sprinkler fail, assessing the corresponding water quality at that time would assist in determining the cause of failure.
- 3.6.6. Ventilation systems and fire dampers:
  - a. test all fire dampers for remote operation;
  - b. verify galley exhaust ducts and filters are free of grease buildup; and
  - **c.** test all ventilation controls interconnected with fire-protection systems for proper operation.
- 3.6.7. Fire doors:
  - **a.** Test all remotely controlled fire doors for proper release.
- 3.6.8. Breathing apparatus:
  - a. check breathing apparatus air recharging systems, if fitted, for air quality;
  - **b.** check all breathing apparatus face masks and air demand valves are in serviceable condition; and
  - c. check EEBDs according to maker's instructions.
- 3.6.9. Fixed dry chemical powder systems:
  - **a.** visually inspect all accessible components for proper condition;
  - b. verify the pressure regulators are in proper order and within calibration; and
  - **c.** agitate the dry chemical powder charge with nitrogen in accordance with system manufacturer's instructions.

(Note: Due to the powder's affinity for moisture, any nitrogen gas introduced for agitation must be moisturefree.)

### 3.6.10. Fixed aerosol extinguishing systems:

- **a.** Verify condensed or dispersed aerosol generators have not exceeded their mandatory replacement date. Pneumatic or electric actuators should be demonstrated working, as far as practicable.
- 3.6.11. Portable foam applicators:
  - **a.** verify all portable foam applicators are set to the correct proportioning ratio for the foam concentrate supplied and the equipment is in proper order;
  - **b.** verify all portable containers or portable tanks containing foam concentrate remain factory sealed, and the manufacturer's recommended service life interval

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