The following amendments were adopted by resolution MSC.352(92) on 21 June 2013 and entered into force on 1 January 2015.

Chapter 18
Operational requirements

1 After the existing paragraph 18.5.3, a new paragraph is inserted as follows:

“18.5.4 Crew members with enclosed space entry or rescue responsibilities should participate in an enclosed space entry and rescue drill, to be held on board the craft, at least once every two months.”

2 The existing paragraphs 18.5.4 to 18.5.10 are renumbered as 18.5.5 to 18.5.11, respectively.

3 The first sentence of the renumbered paragraph 18.5.8 is amended to read:

“18.5.8.1 The date when musters are held, details of abandon craft drills and fire drills, drills of other life-saving appliances, enclosed space entry and rescue drills, and on-board training should be recorded in such logbook as may be prescribed by the Administration.”
After renumbered paragraph 18.5.11, a new subsection is inserted as follows:

“18.5.12 Enclosed space entry and rescue drills

18.5.12.1 Enclosed space entry and rescue drills should be planned and conducted in a safe manner, taking into account, as appropriate, the guidance provided in the recommendations developed by the Organization.*

* Refer to Revised Recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships (resolution A.1050(27)).

18.5.12.2 Each enclosed space entry and rescue drill should include:

.1 checking and use of personal protective equipment required for entry;

.2 checking and use of communication equipment and procedures;

.3 checking and use of instruments for measuring the atmosphere in enclosed spaces;

.4 checking and use of rescue equipment and procedures; and

.5 instructions in first aid and resuscitation techniques.

18.5.12.3 The risks associated with enclosed spaces and on-board procedures for safe entry into such spaces should take into account, as appropriate, the guidance provided in recommendations developed by the Organization.*

* Refer to Revised Recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships (resolution A.1050(27))."