

# MSC Guidelines for Review of Categorization of Pantries

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## References

- ❑ SOLAS 2004 Cite: II-2/3.12
- ❑ SOLAS 2001 Cite: II-2/3.10

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## Reference Text

“Accommodation spaces are those spaces used for public spaces, corridors, lavatories, cabins, offices, hospitals, cinemas, game and hobby rooms, barber shops, pantries containing no cooking appliances and similar spaces.”

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## Guidance

Pantries that are located within accommodation areas and/or serve adjacent isolated accommodation spaces should be given a category 9 designation and considered isolated pantries. These types of pantries should not contain any cooking appliances, built-in (walk-in) reefer units, or office-type furnishings. Portable refrigeration units are acceptable in a category 9 space.

In general, pantries containing any of the following items shall be given a category 13 designation:

- ❑ cooking appliances (not galley ranges);
- ❑ built-in (walk-in) reefer units;
- ❑ office-type furnishings (i.e., desk, chair, filing cabinets).

Pantries annexed to galleys (i.e., open directly into a galley) require a category 12 designation.

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## Background

There is a lack of consistency regarding outfitting and categorization of pantries on cruise ships. Specifically, power rating, exposed heating surface temperature, and food types have variously been used to define the term “cooking appliance”. The purpose of this interpretation is to provide clear guidelines for determining whether a pantry warrants a category 9, 12, or 13 designation.

This interpretation also effects regulation II-2/3.45: "Service spaces are those spaces used for galleys, pantries containing cooking appliances, lockers, mail and specie rooms, storerooms, workshops other than those forming part of the machinery spaces, and similar spaces and trunks to such spaces."

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