

# MSC Guidelines for Review of Categorization of Pantries

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## References

- ❑ SOLAS II-2/3.1 (previously 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).

In general, pantries that are 30% or more open to a galley are considered part of the galley. Pantries that open directly into a galley but less than 30% open are considered to be “annexed” to the galley and should be given a category 12 designation. Pantries that do not open into a galley are considered “isolated” pantries.

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## Background

There is a lack of consistency regarding outfitting and categorization of pantries on cruise ships. Specifically, power rating and exposed heating surface temperatures, per guidance in the unified interpretations (see MSC.1/Circ.1436) are 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 affects 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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