



## REVIEW OF CATEGORIZATION OF PANTRIES

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Plan Review Guideline (PRG) is to provide clear guidance for determining whether a pantry warrants a category 9, 12, or 13 designation depending on the location in the vessel, communication to other spaces, and the equipment contained within the pantry.

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## **1. Applicability**

This PRG is applicable to SOLAS passenger ships carrying more than 36 passengers.

## **2. References**

SOLAS II-2/3.1  
SOLAS II-2/9.2.2.3.2.2  
MSC.1/Circ. 1634  
MSC.1/Circ. 1436

## **3. Reference Text**

SOLAS II-2/9.2.2.3.2.2:

“(9) Sanitary and similar spaces

- Isolated pantries containing no cooking appliances in accommodation spaces.”

“(12) Machinery spaces and main galleys

- Main galleys and annexes.”

“(13) Store-rooms, workshops, pantries, etc.

- Main pantries not annexed to galleys.”

## **4. Guidance**

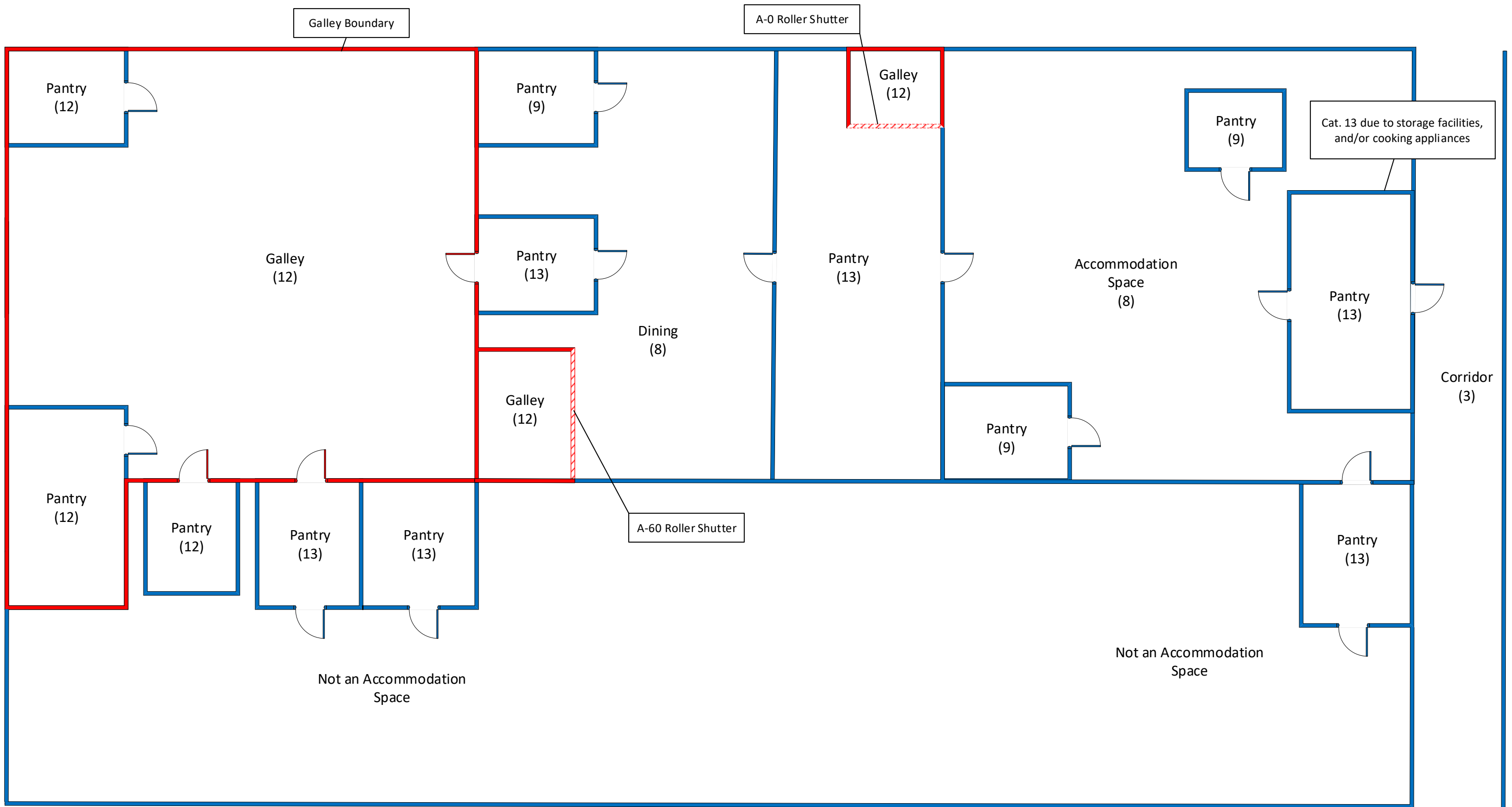
The following guidelines should be applied when determining the category of pantries:

- Category 9: Only those pantries which meet the design characteristics detailed in MSC.1/Circ. 1634 may be given a category 9 designation. These types of pantries should not contain any cooking appliances (except as allowed by MSC.1/Circ. 1436), built-in (walk-in) reefer units, or office-type furnishings. Portable refrigeration units are acceptable in category 9 spaces.
- Category 12: Pantries in which the only access is through a galley are considered annexed to that galley and should be given a category 12 designation. Pantries that are 30% or more open to a galley are considered part of the galley. In accordance with MSC.1/Circ. 1436, spaces containing any electrically heated cooking plate or hot plate for keeping food warm with a power of more than 5 kW should be regarded as galleys and should be given category 12 designations.
- Category 13: Pantries which do not meet either of the above characteristics for category 9 or 12 spaces may be given category 13 designations. The cooking appliance limitations detailed in MSC.1/Circ. 1436 apply.

See enclosure (1) for figures of example pantries.

## **5. Disclaimer**

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General Examples of Pantries