

# SC Noise level limit in workshops onboard ships

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Interpretation of paragraph 4.2.1 of Res. MSC.337(91), Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships

The part of paragraph 4.2.1 reads as follows:

### 4.2 Noise level limits

Limits for noise levels (dB(A)) are specified for various spaces as follows:

Designation of rooms and spaces	Ship size	
	1,600 up to 10,000 GT	≥10,000 GT

#### 4.2.1 Work spaces (see 5.1)

Workshops other than those forming part of machinery spaces	85	85
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### Interpretation

For the purposes of applying the provisions of MSC.337(91) “Code on Noise Levels On Board Ships”, “Workshops other than those forming part of machinery spaces” are enclosed workshops that are separated from the engine room with bulkheads, which may include access doors of the equivalent acoustic insulating properties as the bulkhead. Workbenches and workstations located inside the machinery space are not to be considered as “workshops other than those forming part of machinery spaces”.

The noise level limit for workshops that are forming part of machinery space is as for the machinery space 110 dB(A).

Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies on ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2023.
2. The “contracted for construction” date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of “contract for construction”, refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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