

An asterisk (*) after the title of a requirement indicates that there is also relevant information in the corresponding Guidance.

Rule No.37 30 June 2023

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPS OF FIBREGLASS REINFORCED PLASTICS

“Rules for the survey and construction of ships of fibreglass reinforced plastics” has been partly amended as follows:

Chapter 1 GENERAL

1.3 General Rules for Hull Construction and Equipment

1.3.8 Ship Identification Number

For cargo ships not less than 300 *gross tonnage* engaged on international voyages, the ship’s identification number is to be permanently marked as follows:

Sub-paragraph (1) has been amended as follows.

- (1) Those specified in ~~1.1.24, Part C of the Rules for the survey and construction of steel ships~~ **14.2, Part 1, Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships** (except ~~2(3)~~ **14.2.1.2(3)**).
- (2) The marking is to be made by a method approved by the Society not to be easily expunged.

Chapter 17 HATCHWAY OPENINGS, MACHINERY OPENINGS AND OTHER DECK OPENINGS

17.1 General

17.1.1 Application

Sub-paragraph -2 has been amended as follows.

2 *FRP* ships defined in **20.1.1-1**. are to comply with the requirements in ~~Chapter 20 of Part C,~~ **14.6 and 14.7, Part 1, Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships.**

Chapter 18 BULWARKS, GUARDRAILS, FREEING ARRANGEMENT, SIDE OPENINGS, SCUTTLES, VENTILATORS AND GANGWAYS

18.1 General

18.1.1 General

Sub-paragraph -1 has been amended as follows.

1 *FRP* ships defined in **20.1.1-1** are to comply with the requirements in ~~Chapter 23 of Part C,~~ **14.8 to 14.15, Part 1, Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships.**

EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION

1. The effective date of the amendments is 1 July 2023.
2. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Rules, the current requirements apply to the following ships:
 - (1) ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date; or
 - (2) sister ships of ships subject to the current requirements for which the date of contract for construction is before 1 January 2025.