

Survey for Postponement of Special Surveys

Amended Rules

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

Reason for Amendment

Where postponements of Special Surveys are carried out, if the content of such Special Surveys is determined based on the date of the survey after postponement, there exists the possibility that the content of such a Special Survey will be stricter because the items surveyed change as the age of the ship increases.

For example, in cases where there is a postponement of Special Survey No.3, there exists the possibility that such a survey will now be conducted on a ship that is over 15 years of age. However, because under the current Rules Special Survey No.4 is to be carried out on a ship over 15 years in age, there exists the possibility that such a survey will be carried out instead of a Special Survey No.3.

For internal examinations of spaces and tanks, the Rules specify “Where postponement of the Special Survey for a ship is granted, the content of the Special Survey is determined based on the original expiry date of the Classification Certificate of the ship.” However, this requirement is unclear regarding the other items of Special Surveys. Therefore, all relevant requirements have been amended so that the content of Special Surveys is determined based on the original expiry date of the Classification Certificate of a ship.

Outline of Amendment

This amendment has specified that where postponement of the Special Survey is carried out, the content of the Special Survey is determined based on the original expiry date of the Classification Certificate of the ship, as the general requirements of Special Surveys.