

# **Navigation Bridge Visibility during Ballast Water Exchange**

## **Amended Rules and Guidance**

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part W

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## **Reason for Amendment**

At the 81<sup>st</sup> Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 81) held in May 2006, an amendment to SOLAS Convention Chapter V which clarified the treatment of navigation bridge visibility during ballast water exchange was adopted as Resolution MSC.201(81). This amendment is to enter into force on 1 July 2010.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with Resolution MSC.201(81).

In addition, all relevant requirements have been amended to clarify the temporary draught or trim conditions which may be exempted from the requirements regarding the view of the sea surface.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) The draft amendment specifies that during intermediate stages of ballast water exchange, navigation bridge visibility need not comply with the requirements regarding the view of the sea surface.
- (2) The draft amendment clarifies the temporary draught or trim conditions at sea which may be exempted from the requirements regarding the view of the sea surface.