Amendment of Effective Date and Application

Amended Rules

Amendment to the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (Rule No. 19 dated 15 April 2009)

Reason for Amendment

On 15 April 2009, ClassNK partly amended Part CSR-T of the Rules and published Rule No.19 based on IACS CSR for Double Hull Oil Tankers, July 2008 "Rule Change Notice No.1" (hereinafter referred to as RCN1) that was adopted by IACS in January of 2009. The amendments to Part CSR-T were to be applied to ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2009.

With regard to the implementation of RCN1, IACS received a strong request from an international industry organization to either reconsider the provision or at least to provide further explanation of the technical background regarding the amendments related to the minimum thickness requirement for the bottom and side shell plates of aft parts included in RCN1. In response to this, IACS extraordinarily decided on 29 June 2009 to carry out an additional technical study in order to further review the relevant provision and postpone implementation until this technical study is completed.

On 30 October 2009, ClassNK amended the effective date of the amendment to Part CSR-T of the Rules for RCN1 in order to postpone implementation in accordance with IACS' decision.

After that, as a result of discussion within IACS, it was decided that RCN1 will enter into force on 1 February 2010 from the viewpoint of early enforcement of the amendment requirements, excluding the parts related to the minimum thickness requirement for the bottom and side shell plates of aft part.

Accordingly, the effective date of the amendment to Part CSR-T of the Rules for RCN1 has been amended in accordance with IACS' decision.

Outline of Amendment

The effective date and application of the amendment to Part CSR-T of the Rules for RCN1 have been amended, excluding the parts related to the minimum thickness requirement for the bottom and side shell plates of aft parts (**Section 8/5.3.1.1**).