

The Prohibition of Using Materials Containing Asbestos

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B,
Rules for High Speed Craft, Rules for Floating Docks,
Rules for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships,
Rules for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics,
Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems, Rules for Cargo Refrigerating Installations
Rules for Cargo Handling Appliances, Rules for Diving Systems
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B,
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Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships,
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics,
Guidance for The Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine use

Reason for Amendment

Since 1 July 2002, the new installation of materials which contain asbestos has been prohibited by SOLAS II-1 Regulation 3-5 for all ships, except for a few exceptions related to essential use.

However, at the 86th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 86) held in July 2009, Resolution MSC.282(86), which completely prohibits the new installation of materials containing asbestos in all ships from 1 January 2011, was adopted thus eliminating the exceptions allowed under Regulation 3-5.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with Resolution MSC.282(86).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) The requirements related to the exceptions allowed under Regulation 3-5 have been deleted in order to completely prohibit the new installation of materials which contain asbestos.
- (2) In conjunction with (1) above, requirements related to the submission of other plans and documents in cases where materials which contain asbestos used have been deleted.
- (3) Descriptions of the approval test items for insulation materials related to asbestos have been deleted.
- (4) For existing ships, the application of requirements for replacement of fittings, equipments and parts, etc, have been clarified and requirements that new installation of the materials containing asbestos is prohibited have been specified for clarification.