

The Markings and Fire-fighting Appliances of Helicopter Decks

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

Reason for Amendment

The requirements for the fire-fighting appliances, etc. of the helicopter decks of ships are specified in Chapter 18, Part R of the Rules. In addition, concrete examples of the markings used for helicopter decks, based on the “Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operations, 3rd Edition”, issued by International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), have been specified as reference in the corresponding Guidance.

A 4th Edition of the “Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operations”, containing amendments related to the markings and fire-fighting appliances of helicopter decks, has been issued. Therefore, relevant requirements have been amended in line with this new edition.

Additionally, requirements regarding the extent capability of foam application systems used for helicopter decks have been amended to clarify that portable foam application systems as well as fixed foam application systems can be used.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Examples of helicopter deck markings have been amended.
- (2) Requirements regarding the extent of the capability of fire-fighting systems for helicopter decks have been amended from “clear zone” to “manoeuvring zone”.
- (3) It has been clarified that portable foam application may be used as a fire-fighting system for helicopter decks.