

The Internal Examination of the Ballast Tanks of Oil Tankers and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk

Amended Rules

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

Reason for Amendment

IACS Unified Requirements (UR) Z10.1, Z10.3 and Z10.4 specify the requirements of the hull surveys for oil tankers and ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk already in service. In these URs, it is specified that internal examinations at annual intervals are required when the protective coating of a ballast tank of oil tankers and ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk is found to be in less than GOOD condition and it is not repaired to the satisfaction of the Surveyor. However, NK has expressed reservation for these URs after considering the comments received from concerned industry members.

At the 54th session of IMO Sub-Committee of Ship Design and Equipment (DE54) held in October 2010, there was a discussion concerning the amendment of Resolution A.744(18) and it was agreed to add the same requirement of those URs, i.e. internal examinations at annual intervals are required when the protective coating of a ballast tank of oil tankers is found to be in less than GOOD condition and is not repaired to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, to Resolution A.744(18).

Accordingly, it was decided to lift the reservation for the URs related to the requirements of coating condition assessment, and amend all relevant requirements so as to follow Resolution A.744(18) as well as IACS URs Z10.1(Rev.14), Z10.3(Rev.8) and Z10.4(Rev.5).

Outline of Amendment

It was specified that internal examinations at annual intervals are required when the protective coating of a ballast tank of oil tankers and ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk is found to be in less than GOOD condition and it is not repaired to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.