

The Confirmation of Chief Engineer Qualifications for Planned Machinery Maintenance Scheme (PMS) Surveys

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

Reason for Amendment

Under the existing requirements for Planned Machinery Maintenance Scheme (PMS) surveys, it is stipulated that the qualifications of the chief engineer recommended by the Shipowner (Ship Management Company) for the operation and maintenance of machinery are to be examined and approved by the NK before any survey work can commence.

However, it is common practice, based on the current International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management (ISM) Code), that only qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers in accordance with national and international requirements are selected to be chief engineers.

Therefore, since the qualifications of chief engineers can be easily confirmed on board the day of the survey, relevant requirements related to the Planned Machinery Maintenance Scheme (PMS) surveys have been amended to obviate the need for the examination and approval of chief engineer qualifications by NK before any work related to Planned Machinery Maintenance Scheme (PMS) surveys can commence.

Outline of Amendment

Relevant requirements related to examination and approval of the qualification of chief engineers for Planned Machinery Maintenance Scheme (PMS) surveys have been amended accordingly.