

# **The Application for Propeller Shaft Condition Monitoring System (PSCM) Surveys**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

## **Reason for Amendment**

- (1) Under the current NK Rules, the application for a Propeller Shaft Condition Monitoring System (PSCM) survey is to be submitted within a period of 6 months from the date of completion of the Classification Survey or the last Ordinary Survey of the propeller shaft in order for the PSCM to be approved.

However, even in cases where the required application has not been submitted on time, we think that the application for a PSCM survey may still be submitted if the soundness of the propeller shafting systems during said period can be confirmed.

Therefore, relevant requirements have been amended to allow the application for a PSCM survey, regardless of how much time has passed since the completion date of the Classification Survey or last Ordinary Survey of the propeller shaft, in cases where supporting documentation confirming the soundness of the propeller shafting system during said period is also submitted.

- (2) Under the current NK Rules, it is specified that the manager/management company responsible for the PSCM is to submit to the Society two copies of the maintenance manual along with the application for the PSCM survey. After the PSCM has been approved, one copy of the maintenance manual is returned to the manager and is required to be kept on board the ship.

However, we think that it is desirable for a copy of the same maintenance manual to also be kept by the shore-based manager/management company (shipowner offices, etc.) for best operation. Therefore, relevant requirements have been amended to require that managers/management companies (shipowner offices, etc.) are to keep a copy of maintenance manual for approved PSCM on hand in addition to the one required to be kept on board ship.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) Relevant requirements related to the application for Propeller Shaft Condition Monitoring System (PSCM) surveys have been amended.
- (2) Relevant requirements related to number of PSCM maintenance manuals required to be submitted and maintained have been amended.