

# **Review of the Requirements for Steel Barges**

## **Amended Rules and Guidance**

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B and Q  
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

## **Reason for Amendment**

NK specifies the requirements for PSPC and means of embarkation and disembarkation in accordance with the amended SOLAS Convention and associated amendments of Japanese domestic law.

Although the requirements of SOLAS are not applied to steel barges, NK requires Japanese-flag steel barges to apply the above provisions because Japanese domestic law requires such application. Furthermore, NK also requires foreign-flag steel barges to apply the above provision pursuant to Japanese domestic law.

Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended so as not to apply the provisions for PSPC and means of embarkation and disembarkation to foreign-flag steel barges in accordance with SOLAS.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) It has been specified that steel barges need not apply the provisions for PSPC.
- (2) It has been specified that steel barges need not apply the provisions for the installation of means of embarkation and disembarkation.
- (3) The provisions for the surveys of means of embarkation and disembarkation on steel barges have been amended.