

# **The Closing Appliances for the Ventilation of Battery Rooms**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R  
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships

## **Reason for Amendment**

SOLAS Regulation II-2/5.2.1.1 requires that the main inlets and outlets of all ventilation systems shall be capable of being closed from outside the spaces being ventilated, in order to prevent the spread of fire.

With regard to the above regulation, IACS adopted Unified Interpretation SC 240 regarding the special consideration to be given to battery rooms, due to the risk of the accumulation in such rooms of flammable gases which are generated from batteries.

Accordingly, the guidance related to the closing appliances for the ventilation of battery rooms has been amended in accordance with IACS Unified Interpretation SC 240.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) It was specified that the provision of closing appliances for the ventilation of battery room may be exempted under specific conditions.
- (2) It was specified that if closing appliances are provided, a warning notice is to be provided near such closing appliances stating that they are to be kept open except in emergency situations.