

The Establishment of Work-ships Rules

Established and Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part O

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Reason for Establishment and Amendment

Currently, the development of ocean resources such as crude oil and petroleum gas is actively being conducted. Accordingly, not only the demand for mobile offshore drilling units, floating offshore facilities for crude oil/petroleum gas production, storage and offloading (i.e. FPSO) etc., but also the demand for the work-ships that are engaged in cargo shipment and embarkation to such floating units, mooring and installation in offshore areas are increasing.

The technical requirements for work-ships have been specified in the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part P (Mobile offshore drilling units, work-ships and special purpose barges). However, since Part P is primarily the rules for mobile offshore drilling units, the shipping and shipbuilding industries have desired the Society to establish rules exclusively for work-ships.

Therefore, in response to industry demand, based on the technical requirements for work-ships stipulated in the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts P, etc., a new Part of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships have been established as “Part O Work-ships”.

Outline of Establishment and Amendment

- (1) With respect to the purposes of work-ships, relevant requirements for each type of such ships have been consolidated in each chapter of Part O respectively.
- (2) Requirements regarding the notations corresponding to the purpose of work-ships have been stipulated in Part O.
- (3) Requirements of the surveys of work-ships have been newly stipulated as Chapter 15 of Part B.