

The Covers for the Means of Access to Cable Lockers

Amended Rules and Guidance

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Reason for Amendment

Although IACS Unified Requirement L4 specifies that the covers for the means of access cable lockers are to be secured by closely spaced bolts, it does not specify the interval of such bolts.

Therefore, IACS revised UR L4 and added requirements specifying that the access cover and its securing arrangements are to be in accordance with standards, such as ISO, JIS, etc., or their equivalent. In addition, the use of butterfly nuts and/or hinged bolts as the securing mechanism for such access covers was prohibited. These revisions were adopted as UR L4(rev.3) in March 2011.

Accordingly, all the relevant requirements have been amended based on IACS UR L4(rev.3).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) It has been specified that where a means of access to spurling pipes or cable lockers is located below the weather deck, the access cover and its securing arrangements are to be in accordance with appropriate standards or equivalent for watertight manhole covers.
- (2) It has been specified that the use of butterfly nuts and/or hinged bolts as the securing mechanisms for the access covers referred to in 1 above is prohibited.