

# **Grace Period for Compliance with the 2010 FTP Code**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use

## **Reason for Amendment**

SOLAS Chapter II-2 originally required that fire protection materials were to be those having passed the fire tests in accordance with provisions specified by the Fire Test Procedures (FTP) Code as adopted by resolution MSC.61(67). At the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC88) held in November 2010, SOLAS Chapter II-2 was amended to specify that required fire tests carried out on or after 1 July 2012 were to be carried out in accordance with the 2010 FTP Code as adopted by resolution MSC.307(87). ClassNK has already amended its Rules based upon these amendments to SOLAS.

The 2010 FTP Code specifies that fire tests are, in principle, to be carried out in accordance with the fire test procedures specified in its Annexes; however, provision 8.2 of the Code also specifies that tests may be carried out in accordance with the previous version of the FTP Code (MSC.61(67)) no later than one year after 1 July 2012 (the date of entry into force of the 2010 FTP Code). The purpose of this one-year grace period is to allow relevant test laboratories sufficient time to obtain the test equipment, etc. The ClassNK Rules also contain similar requirements related to this grace period.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended so that they are in compliance with the 2010 FTP Code at the end of the aforementioned one-year grace period.

## **Outline of Amendment**

Deleted requirements based upon the 2010 FTP Code one-year compliance grace period from Chapter 1, Part 4 of the Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use.