

Helicopter Facility Foam Fire-fighting Appliances

Amended Guidance

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

Reason for Amendment

Both SOLAS II-2/18.5 and chapter 9 of the MODU Code require that foam fire-fighting appliances be provided for helicopter facilities.

However, the above regulations only specify minimum requirements for securing fire safety and are unclear in many ways as to how these regulations are to be practically applied. Therefore, the IMO continuously worked on the development of a guideline that would specify technical requirements such as system discharge rates, foam monitor nozzle specifications, etc. related to the approval of helicopter facility foam fire-fighting appliances.

As a result, at the 90th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC90) held in May 2012, the “Guidelines For The Approval of Helicopter Facility Foam Fire-fighting Appliances” was approved and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1431.

Therefore, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1431.

Outline of Amendment

Amended requirements to specify that helicopter facility foam fire-fighting appliances are to be in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1431.