

Omission of Approval Tests for Manufacturing Processes

Amended Guidance

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

Reason for Amendment

In accordance with the various ClassNK Rules and Guidances, ClassNK requires the advance approval or type approval of certain materials and equipment for marine use on condition that the uniform quality of the products can be ensured. In such cases, it is necessary for the manufacturing processes of such materials and equipment to be approved by ClassNK in advance through examinations, tests and inspections conducted on representative samples.

Approval tests for manufacturing processes are to be conducted according to the “Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use”. However, in cases where a manufacturer has its manufacturing process tested and approved by an organization other than ClassNK (e.g., another classification society) and the manufacturer can provide actual manufacturing records for the process within the specific period, ClassNK may exempt the manufacturer from part or all of its required approval tests subject to a review the appropriateness of such records and test results.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended based upon above.

Outline of Amendment

Specified requirements related to the omission of part or all of required approval tests where deemed appropriate by ClassNK.