

Definition of “Beginning Stage of Construction” for FRP Ships

Amended Rules

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics

Reason for Amendment

In applying the definition of “beginning stage of construction” as specified in MARPOL, etc. to FRP ships, it might not be appropriate to apply the same definition being used for steel ships—“the stage at which assembly of that ship has commenced comprising at least 50 tonnes or 1% (3% in the case of high speed craft) of the estimated mass of all structural material, whichever is less”—to FRP ships as well. As a result of this discussion, IACS adopted Unified Interpretations MPC104, LL78 and HSC9, which are all related to the definition of “beginning stage of construction” for FRP ships, in March 2013.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with IACS Unified Interpretations MPC104, LL78 and HSC9.

Outline of Amendment

Specified the definition of “beginning stage of construction” for FRP ships.