

Definition of “Helideck”

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R
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Reason for Amendment

SOLAS requires ships equipped with helidecks to be provided with appropriate fire-fighting appliances in order to protect the ship from fire hazards associated with helicopter landings. In this context, the ClassNK Rules define a “helideck” as an area located on a ship for helicopter landings or winching operations in reference to the ICS guideline “Guide to Helicopter/Ship Operation.” However, a “helideck” as defined in SOLAS (amended in 2000) does not include areas where winching operations are conducted.

Therefore, relevant requirements were amended in order to ensure consistency with SOLAS with respect to the definition of “helideck” as well as the application of fire-fighting appliances required for helidecks.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Amended the definition of helideck.
- (2) Amended requirements related to fire-fighting appliances which are required for ships without helidecks, on which helicopter landings or winching operations are conducted on an occasional or emergency basis.