

Exemption of Fixed Fire-extinguishing Systems for Cargo Spaces, etc.

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

Reason for Amendment

Whereas SOLAS Regulation II-2/10.7 requires cargo spaces on cargo ships to be protected by fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems, it also grants dispensation from such requirements for cargo spaces of any cargo ships, if solely intended for the carriage of cargoes which constitute a low fire risk. Reference for such low fire-risk cargoes, which appears in the footnote of the same regulation, is made to the List of solid bulk cargoes (MSC.1/Circ.1146) and the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code).

The above-mentioned List of solid bulk cargoes are periodically reviewed at the IMO; the latest version of which was approved at the 92nd Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC92) held in June 2013 and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.1.

Additionally, the reference to the BC Code, as also mentioned above had been updated to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code).

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended based upon MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.1

Outline of Amendment

Updated the references made for low fire-risk cargoes in Chapter 10.7 of Part R of Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships to MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.1 and IMSBC Code.