

Volume of the Largest Protected Space of Fixed High-expansion Foam Fire-extinguishing Systems

Amended Guidance

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

Reason for Amendment

Amendments to the Fire Safety Code (FSS Code) were adopted as MSC.327(90) by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee at its 90th Session (MSC90) in May 2012. These amendments were related to the specifications of fixed high-expansion foam fire-extinguishing systems installed in machinery spaces of category A, etc. and have already been incorporated into the ClassNK Rules.

Chapter 6 of the revised FSS Code specifies, among other things, that the foam-generating capacity of a fixed high-expansion foam fire-extinguishing system is to be sufficient to completely fill the largest protected space within 10 minutes. In cases of machinery spaces of category A including casings, it was not clear on the volume of the largest protected space. IACS reviewed the matter in order to clarify the volume and, as a result, adopted UI SC262 in June 2013 to provide clarification.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended based upon UI SC262.

Outline of Amendment

Specified the volume of the largest protected space in cases where machinery spaces of category A are protected by fixed high-expansion foam fire-extinguishing systems.