

Unified Interpretations for the IMO PSPC for Cargo Oil Tanks

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C

Reason for Amendment

IACS Unified Interpretation SC259 (IACS UI SC259) specifies application procedures for the IMO Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers (PSPC-COT) related to the review of coating technical files, approval of coating systems, assessment of coating inspectors, approval of alternative systems, etc. This interpretation has already been incorporated into the NK Rules.

Subsequently, IACS UI SC259 was considered at the 93rd Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC93) held in May 2014 and it was agreed that the criteria for evaluating coating condition during the process of approving coating systems under the scheme of 5 years' field exposure was to be revised. More specifically, the definition of "good" condition of coating was to be changed from the "condition with spot rusting on less than 5% of the area under consideration" to the "condition with spot rusting on less than 3% of the area under consideration" in order to ensure consistency with the IMO PSPC for Dedicated Seawater Ballast Tanks. As a result, an IMO unified interpretation based upon IACS UI SC259 with some modifications was approved and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1479.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1479.

Outline of Amendment

Amended the interpretation of the definition of "good" condition used as the criteria for evaluating coating conditions.