

Renewal of Approval for Synthetic Fibre Ropes

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use

Reason for Amendment

The ClassNK Rules specify that a “Certificate of Approval”, which is valid for designated period of time (i.e., the “term of validity”), is issued for essential equipment whose manufacturing processes have been approved by the Society. In addition, it is specified that said approval may be renewed as long as necessary renewal procedures, such as required inspections and tests, are completed within the term of validity of the certificate.

For synthetic fibre ropes, however, it is specified that approval may be renewed by undergoing an inspection within a designated time period, regardless of the above mentioned “Certificate of Approval”, which is different from the renewal of approval procedures for other equipment.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended so that the renewal procedures for the approval of synthetic fibre ropes were consistent with those specified for other equipment.

Outline of Amendment

The main contents of this amendment are as follows:

- (1) Clarified that a “Certificate of Approval” and “Particulars of Approval Conditions” are to be issued regarding notification of approval, and not a “Notification of Approval”.
- (2) Clarified that the “term of validity” for the “Certificate of Approval” will be 5 years.
- (3) Clarified requirements related to the renewal of approval and changes made to the approved content.