Means of Access

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C

Reason for Amendment

SOLAS regulation II-1/3-6 specifies requirements related to permanent means of access for bulk carriers and oil tankers and detailed technical requirements for these means of access are specified in the Technical Provisions (Resolution MSC.158(78)). For these requirements, IACS developed Unified Interpretation SC191 and has been continuously reviewing it in order to ensure that IACS members apply the aforementioned SOLAS requirements in a consistent manner.

UI SC191(Rev.7) specifies detailed requirements for adjacent sections of vertical ladders being used as a means of access to the spaces specified in the Technical Provisions. This requirement has already been incorporated into ClassNK Rules.

UI SC191(Rev.7, Corr.1) adopted by IACS in June 2016 further specifies that requirements for adjacent sections of vertical ladders being used as a means of access to these aforementioned spaces also apply to adjacent sections of vertical ladders being used as a means of access within spaces.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with UI SC191(Rev.7, Corr.1).

Outline of Amendment

Specified that requirements for adjacent sections of vertical ladders used as a means of access to spaces also apply to adjacent sections of vertical ladders used as a means of access within spaces.

Amended Requirements

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