

Intermediate Surveys for Ships not subject to the ESP Code

Amended Rules

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

Reason for Amendment

The ESP Code specifies that intermediate surveys for bulk carriers and oil tankers over 10 years of age may begin at second annual surveys and continue on throughout the following year as long as they are completed by the end of third annual surveys.

As in the case of ships subject to the ESP Code, it can often be difficult to complete the intermediate surveys of ships not subject to the ESP Code within the required time period due to the number of survey items and the increased size of recently constructed ships. Therefore, in order to ensure that the survey periods of ships not subject to the ESP Code correspond to those of ships subject to the ESP Code, an amendment to SOLAS to add regulation 2-1 to Chapter XI-1 was adopted as resolution MSC.409(97) at the 97th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC97) held in November 2016.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with resolution MSC.409(97). In addition, requirements related to the locations of thickness measurements are also amended for to clarify its wording.

Outline of Amendment

Specified that the intermediate surveys of cargo ships over 10 years of age may be commenced at any time between the second and third Annual Surveys and be completed at the time of the second or third Annual Survey regardless of cargo ship type.

Amended Requirements

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Part B: 1.1.3, 1.1.6