

Exemption of Fixed Fire-extinguishing Systems for Cargo Spaces

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

Reason for Amendment

Although SOLAS Regulation II-2/10.7 requires that cargo spaces on cargo ships are to be protected by fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems, it does grant dispensation from such requirements for cargo spaces solely intended for the carriage of cargoes which constitute a low fire risk. Reference for what constitutes low fire-risk cargo, which appears in as a footnote to the same regulation, is made to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) and the “List of solid bulk cargoes for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system may be exempted or for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system is ineffective” (MSC.1/Circ. 1395/Rev.3).

The above-mentioned list of solid bulk cargoes is periodically reviewed by the IMO. The latest version of the list was approved as MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.4 at the 101th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC101) held in June 2019.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in order to refer to the latest circular number.

Outline of Amendment

Updated references related to low fire-risk cargoes found in Chapter 10.7, Part R of Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships to reflect MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.4.

Amended Requirements

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
Part R: R10.7.1, R10.7.2