

Non-Destructive Testing Service Suppliers

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part M

Reason for Amendment

Part M of the Rules stipulates requirements for suppliers that perform non-destructive testing in order to ensure the quality of such testing.

The Japan Welding Engineering Society (JWES) provides third-party certification for such suppliers with its WES8701 (“Standard for certification of nondestructive inspection corporation welded structures”), and this certification is widely used by relevant industries throughout Japan.

Since some requirements of WES8701 overlap with those of Part M, suppliers that have been certified by the JWES can be regarded as already being in compliance with the corresponding criteria of the Society.

Accordingly, relevant requirements are amended to clarify the Society’s treatment and assessment of non-destructive testing suppliers which have already been certified by the JWES in accordance with WES8701.

Outline of Amendment

Specifies that a certificate of approval issued in accordance with WES8701 may be checked and used to determine compliance with Chapter 7, Part M of the Rules.

“Guidance for the survey and construction of steel ships” has been partly amended as follows:

Part M WELDING

M7 has been added as follows.

M7 Non-Destructive Testing Service Suppliers

M7.1 General

M7.1.1 Application

For requirements specified in this chapter which are covered by the certificate issued to suppliers by the Japan Welding Engineering Society (JWES) in accordance with WES 8701 “Standard for certification of nondestructive inspection corporation for welded structures”, the Society may regard such suppliers as satisfying the corresponding requirements in this chapter when confirming compliance with this chapter.