

Amendment on 20 June 2025  
Resolved by Technical Committee on 29 January 2025

## **Performance Tests for Hatch Covers**

### **Object of Amendment**

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

### **Reason for Amendment**

Requirements related to performance tests for hatch covers specified in Part B of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B are based on the IACS UR Z10 series.

Relevant requirements are, therefore, amend to clarify the correspondence of wording between of Part B of the Rule and IACS UR Z10 series.

### **Outline of the Amendment**

Specify wording that performance tests for mechanically operated hatch covers are to be carried out using a method that allows verification of satisfactory operation throughout the full extent of both the opening and closing directions.

### **Effective Date and application**

Effective date of this amendment is 20 June 2025.

An asterisk (*) after the title of a requirement indicates that there is also relevant information in the corresponding Guidance.
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