

Effective Date and Application of Draft Amendments

Draft Amendments have not been implemented yet, whilst their effective dates are subject to change.

No.	D r a f t A m e n d m e n t	Effective Date and Application
1	Guidance for Inclining Test Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
2	Requirements for Lashing Software Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B, C and CS	This amendment will apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027.
3	Cargo Loading on Upper Decks or Hatch Covers Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts A, B, CSR-B&T and CS	This amendment will apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2026.
4	Shear Area of Frames for Polar Class Ships Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part I	This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027.
5	Rudder Horns and Rudders Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts C and CS Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships	This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027. This includes those ships to which Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships applied prior to its comprehensive revision.
6	Strength Evaluation of Container Stowage and Securing Arrangements Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts A, B, C and CS	(1) This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2027. (2) Notwithstanding the preceding 1, this draft amendment may apply, upon request, to ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date.
7	Amendment related to Part C of the Rules for Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (2025 Amendment 2) Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts A and C	(1) This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027. (2) Notwithstanding the preceding 1, this draft amendment may apply, upon request, to ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date.
8	Mildly Flammable Refrigerants Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B, D, P and PS Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part D Rules for High Speed Craft	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
9	Clarifying Handling of Risk Assessment for the Use of Low-flashpoint Fuels Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part GF	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
10	Flange Connections of Gas Fuel Pipes Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part GF	This draft amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2026.

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11	Fuel Gas Vent Pipes Located within Gas-Safe Machinery Spaces Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part GF	This draft amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2026.
12	Amendments to the Guidelines for the Development of a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
13	Procedure for Verifying Emissions from Engines Subject to Substantial Modification Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Guidance for Marine Engine Emission Verification	Effective date of this amendment is 1 September 2026.
14	Review of Shaft-related Requirements Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part D Rules/Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
15	Review of Rules related to Discharge Pipes Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part D Rules for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships Rules for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships	This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2026.
16	The number of lifejackets and immersion suits for use at remotely located survival craft stations (Japanese only)	--
17	Portable Fire-extinguishing Equipment Provided in the Cargo Areas of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part S	Effective date of this amendment is on or after 1 July 2026.
18	Application of the Rules for the Ship Recycling for Japanese Ships not Engaged International Voyage (Japanese only)	--
19	Arrangement Requirements for Combined Fire Detectors in Ro-ro Spaces and Special Category Spaces of Ro-ro Passenger Ships Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
20	Venting Systems for Cargo Tanks in Tankers Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use	This amendment applies to the venting systems for cargo tanks in tankers that fall under the following: (1) those systems intended for ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 4 December 2026, or in the absence of such a contract, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 4 December 2026; or (2) those systems intended for ships other than those specified in (1) above for which the contractual delivery date to the ship on or after 4 December 2026 or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date to the ship, the actual delivery date to the ship is on or after 4 December 2026.

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21	Revision of References to ISO Standards and Addition of Side Net Requirements for Means of Embarkation and Disembarkation Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and C Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and CS	This amendment applies to means of embarkation and disembarkation and winches for accommodation ladders (hereinafter referred to as “Equipment”) that fall under the following: (1) those installed on ships for which the contract for construction is placed on or after 1 July 2026, or those, in the absence of a contract for construction, installed on ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2026; or (2) those installed on ships other than those ships prescribed in (1) above for which the contractual delivery date of the Equipment is on or after 1 July 2026 or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date, the actual delivery date of the Equipment to the ship is on or after 1 July 2026.
22	Brake Capacity of Mooring Winches Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C	The effective date of this amendments is 1 July 2026.
23	Reference Standards for FRP Products Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use	This draft amendment applies to FRP products for which the application for approval is submitted on or after 1 July 2026.
24	Ballast Water Management Systems Rules/Guidance for Ballast Water Management Installations	This amendment applies to BWMS which are installed on ships that fall under the following: (1) Those for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027. (2) For the ships other than (1) above, those for which the retrofitting, replacement or major conversion of BWMS is carried out on or after 1 January 2027.

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25	Clarification of Equivalency Requirements Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts C, CS, D, GF, H, N, S, I, O, P, PS, Q, T and X Rules for Safety Equipment Rules for Radio Installations Rules for Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships Rules for Ballast Water Management Installations Rules for Cargo Refrigerating Installations Rules for Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches Rules for Diving Systems Rules for Automatic and Remote Control Systems Rules for Navigation Bridge Systems Rules for Preventive Machinery Maintenance Systems Rules for Integrated Fire Control Systems Rules for Hull Monitoring Systems Rules for Centralized Cargo Monitoring and Control Systems Rules for High Speed Craft Rules for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships Rules for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships Rules for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics Rules for Floating Docks	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
26	Digitization of radio station licenses (Japanese only)	--
27	Transitional Measures for Simplified Automatic Identification System (Japanese only)	--
28	Ventilation Requirements for Battery Compartments Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part H Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part H Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships	This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2026.
29	Review of Expressions in Part X (Computer-based Systems) of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part X	Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2026.
30	Guidance on Pressure Testing of Boundaries of Cargo Tanks Under Direction of the Master Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B	Effective date of the amendment is 1 July 2026.
31	Open-up Examinations of Valves and Cocks on Ships Flying the Japanese Flag at Docking Surveys (Japanese only)	--