

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	Qualification of NDT Personnel Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part M	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.
2	Amendment related to Part C of the Rules for Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (2026 Amendment 1) Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C	(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 amendment may apply, upon request, to ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date.
3	Alignment of Japanese and English Versions of the Rules Guidance for the Audit and Registration of Safety Management Systems Rules for the Audit and Registration of Ship Security Management Systems Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts U, W, M, I and Q Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts U, M and T Guidance for Cargo Refrigerating Installations Rules for Automatic and Remote Control Systems Rules for Integrated Fire Control Systems Rules/Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Ships of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics Rules for Floating Docks	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.
4	IACS Unified Requirements Regarding Steel Forgings and Steel Castings Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part K Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part K	This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027.
5	Welding Procedure Qualification Tests and Related Requirements Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part K and M Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part K and M Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use	(1) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part K and Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use This amendment applies to ships, offshore structures and steels that fall under the following: (a) This amendment applies to ships or offshore structures for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2027. (b) This amendment applies to steels for which the application is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027. (c) This amendment applies to steels for which the application for approval of the manufacturing process is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027. (d) This amendment applies to ships the keels of which

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		are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2027. (2) Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part M, excluding Chapter 6, Part M of the Rules This amendment applies to ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2027. (3) Chapter 6, Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts M This amendment applies to welding consumables for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027.
6	Requirements for the Storage and Use of Reductants in Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Systems Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part D	This amendment applies to SCR systems that fall under the following: (1) SCR systems for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027. (2) SCR systems installed on ships for which the date of the contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027.
7	Addition of Emission Control Area (North-East Atlantic Ocean) Rules/Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Rules/Guidance for Marine Engine Emission Verification	Effective date of this amendment is 1 September 2027.
8	Amendments to the NOx Technical Code to Allow the Use of Multiple Engine Operational Profiles for Marine Diesel Engines and Clarify Engine Test Cycles Rules/Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Rules/Guidance for Marine Engine Emission Verification	This amendment applies as follows on or after 1 January 2028: (1) To a new individual engine or a parent engine of an engine family or engine group that has not been previously certified, with an International Air Pollution Prevention Engine (EIAPP) Certificate issued on or after 1 January 2028 (2) To a new member engine of an engine family or engine group for which the parent engine was certified before 1 January 2028, where the EIAPP Certificate is issued on or after 1 January 2030 (3) This amendment does not apply to a marine diesel engine which already has an EIAPP Certificate, except in the following cases: (a) Where the engine is subject to a substantial modification on or after 1 January 2028, in which case this amendment applies in accordance with the definition of “substantial modification” as set out in

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		amended paragraph 1.3.2 of the NOx Technical Code 2008 (b) Where an identical replacement engine is installed on or after 1 January 2028 on a ship, and the replaced engine is equipped with multiple engine operational profiles
9	Amendments to the IGF Code (IMO Resolution MSC.567(109)) Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts GF and N Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and GF Guidance for High Speed Craft Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships	Effective date of the amendment is 1 January 2028.
10	Oil Mist Detection Arrangements Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use	This amendment applies to oil mist detection arrangements for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027.
11	Incorporation of IACS Unified Requirements for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines Rules for Approval of Manufactures and Service Suppliers Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B, D, GF, K, N, P, PS and Q Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts D, GF, N and I Rules/Guidance for High Speed Craft Rules for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships Rules/Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use	(1) Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers, Parts B, D, K, GF, N, P, PS and Q of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships and relevant Guidance (except for the amendments in (2) to (6) below) Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027 (2) Parts B and D of the Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (amendment related to requirements for factory acceptance tests, shipboard trials, etc. in UR M78, and to UR M88) This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027 (3) Parts D, GF and N of the Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships and the Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use (amendment related to UR M44, M71 and M87, and to requirements for design, type testing, etc. in UR M78) This amendment applies to reciprocating internal combustion engines for which the application for type approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027 (4) Part D of the Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (amendment related to UR M51) This amendment applies to reciprocating internal

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		combustion engines that fall under the following: (a) those for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027 (b) those installed on ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027 (5) Annex 2.3.1 to Part D of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (amendment related to UR M53) This amendment applies to crankshafts for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027 (6) Chapter 11, Part 6 of the Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use (amendment related to type approval of turbochargers) This amendment applies to turbochargers for which the application for type approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027
12	Unified Interpretations on Fire-fighting Equipment Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R	(1) 20.4.1, Part R of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships and R7.5.1-1., Part R of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships This amendment applies to ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2027. (2) Other than (1) above Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.
13	Pilot Transfer Arrangements Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part CS Rules/Guidance for Safety Equipment	(1) The effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2028. (2) Notwithstanding the preceding (1), this amendment may be applied in advance upon request.
14	Safety Requirements related to the Use of Fuel Oil Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.
15	Exhaust Ducts from Galley Ranges (Japanese only)	--
16	Lifting Appliances Regulations for the Classification and Registry of Ships Rules/Guidance for Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches	(1) Regulations for the Classification and Registry of Ships This amendment applies to ships for which the completion of Classification Survey or Special Survey is on or after 1 July 2027. (2) Rules/Guidance for Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.

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17	Amendments to the IGF Code (IMO Resolution MSC.567(109)) Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts GF and N Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and GF Guidance for High Speed Craft Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships	Effective date of the amendment is 1 January 2028.
18	Review of Inspection Requirements for Gas Fuel Handling Equipment and Systems Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and N Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts GF and N	(1) Chapter 3, Annex 1 both Part GF and Part N of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027. (2) Chapter 4, Annex 1 of both Part GF and Part N of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Effective date of the amendment is 1 January 2027. (3) Other Effective date of the amendment is 1 January 2027.
19	Clarification of Requirements for Electronic Inclonometers on Ships Flying the Japanese Flag (Japanese only)	--
20	Reduction in the Number of Required Stamps (Japanese only)	--
21	Approval Requirements for Cables Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part H Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts H, P and PS Rules/Guidance for High Speed Craft Rules/Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships Guidance for the Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use	(1) 2.9.11-4(1) and 2.9.11-8, Part H of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships and H2.9.11-7, Part H of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (related to IACS UR E15) This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027. (2) Other than (1) above (related to IACS UR E7) This amendment applies to (a) or (b) below, except for cables marked with a production date before 1 January 2027. (a) Cables for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2027. (b) Cables installed in ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2027.
22	Classification of Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (Japanese only)	--
23	Documents relating to Japanese-flagged ships subject to the IP Code (Japanese only)	--
24	Anchor Handling Winches Rules for Lifting Appliances and Anchor Handling Winches	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.

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25	Training of Personnel for In-water Survey Firms Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.
26	Tests and Assessments of the Secondary Barrier Effectiveness Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and N Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and N	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.
27	Survey of Doors and Inner Doors Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.
28	Review of the Structure of Part B of the Rules for Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Guidance for the Audit and Registration of Safety Management Systems Guidance for the Audit and Registration of Ship Security Management Systems Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts A, B, C and P Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B, GF, N, R and X Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Rules for Safety Equipment Rules for Radio Installations Rules for Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships Rules for Ballast Water Management Installations Rules for the Ship Recycling Rules/Guidance for Cargo Refrigerating Installations Guidance 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/Guidance for High Speed Craft Rules/Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships 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 January 2027.
29	Reorganisation of Requirements Concerning Surveys for Retroactive Application Requirements Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Guidance for Safety Equipment Guidance for High Speed Craft Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships	Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2027.