
GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS

Part O **Work-Ships**

GUIDANCE

2023 AMENDMENT NO.2

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AMENDMENT TO THE GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS

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

O4 VESSELS ENGAGED IN TOWING OPERATION

O4.2 Stability

O4.2.1 General

Sub-paragraph (4) has been amended as follows.

Ships engaged in towing operations are to comply with the following requirements or the requirements given in **Annex O4.2.1“GUIDANCE FOR INTACT STABILITY FOR SHIPS ENGAGED IN TOWING OPERATIONS”**, in addition to the requirements of **2.2.1, Part U of the Rules**.

- (4) In principle, ~~ships~~ towing winches are to be provided with an appropriate device being capable of releasing the towing cable in an instant. Notwithstanding the above, towing winches of ships only engaged in coasting service or equivalent (except for winches to which **4.4.2-3, Part O of the Rules** applies), such device may be dispensed with, provided that appropriate safety procedures for emergency are to be stated in the ship’s stability information.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION

1. The effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2024.