

# **Unified Interpretation to the Application of Regulation in MARPOL Annex IV**

## **Amended Rules**

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

## **Reason for Amendment**

In September 2007, IACS enacted Unified Interpretation MPC91. This was because there was a difference between the definition of “similar stage of construction” used in MARPOL Annexes II and VI and the one used in MARPOL Annex IV. United Interpretation MPC91 eliminated this difference and made the content of MARPOL Annex IV consistent with that of MARPOL Annexes II and VI.

This amendment has being made to incorporate IACS Unified Interpretation MPC 91 into the relevant requirements.

## **Outline of Amendment**

In the definition of “New ship” given in 1.1.2(1), Part 7 of the Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems, the wording “for which the building contract is placed, or in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction” has to be replaced by “at beginning of construction” as is defined in 2.1.1(25), Part 1 of the same Rules.