

# **Term of Validity for Approval of Materials, Equipment, Manufacturing Processes, etc.**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use

## **Reason for Amendment**

Most of the materials, equipment and manufacturing processes which are specified in the “*Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use*” have a term of validity of 5 years from date of approval.

However, there are some which have a term of validity of 4 years and others which have a term of validity of 6 years. There are even some which do not have any term of validity at all.

Taking all of this into account, the term of validity for all materials, equipment and manufacturing processes has been unified to a 5-year period from date of approval.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) For all materials, equipment and manufacturing processes which do not have any term of validity at all, a term of validity of 5 years from date of approval has been newly added. In addition, requirements for the renewal of approval have been also added.
- (2) For materials and equipment which have a term of validity of 4 years or 6 years from date of approval, the term of validity has been amended to 5 years.
- (3) Some of the application forms which are required for the renewal of approval have been also amended.