

Firms Engaged in Testing of Coating Systems

Amended Rules

Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers

Reason for Amendment

In November 2007, IACS adopted Unified Requirements Z17(Rev.7) which added requirements regarding the approval of firms engaged in testing of coating systems related to the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers (PSPC, Resolution MSC.215(82)).

Then, in February 2008 at the 4th Meeting of the IACS Expert Group regarding coatings (EG/Coating Meeting), it was agreed upon that Unified Requirements Z17 shall apply not only to cross over testing performed by independent testing laboratories, but also to any cross over testing being performed in the testing laboratories of paint manufacturers.

This amendment has been introduced in order to incorporate the requirements in line with the agreement reached at the 4th EG/Coating Meeting regarding Unified Requirements Z17.

Outline of Amendment

Requirements for the approval of firms engaged in testing of coating systems apply to testing laboratories performing cross over testing (including such cases where paint manufacturers perform their own cross over testing).