

New Rules and Guidance for Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships

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Reason for Amendment

As the Republic of Panama signed the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, which was adopted on 5 October 2001, on 17 September 2007 and the necessary conditions for the entry into force of that convention have been satisfied, the convention will enter into force on 17 September 2008.

Accordingly, a new Installation Rule named the Rules and Guidance for Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships has been established. This new rule is based on the requirements for ships in the convention and provisions related to surveys and certifications under the convention in the guidelines adopted by resolution MEPC.102(48).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Requirements for the control of anti-fouling systems on ships have been established. In addition, the issue of new Installations Characters, “AFS” and “AFS•C”, for ships complying with these requirements has been specified.
- (2) Survey schemes for the verification of such compliance have been established.