

Survey Items of Full Load Tests of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part N

Reason for Amendment

IACS Unified Interpretation (UI) GC13 specifies in detail the survey requirements for the first loaded voyages and the requirements for cold spots inspection of ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk. In accordance with this UI, the Society amended their Rules on 29 May 2008, specifying that specific requirements are provided for full loading tests and that sister ships are not to be exempted from full loading tests. These amended requirements have been in effect since 1 July 2008.

However, in full load tests there is quite a bit of overlap between the items related to the condition of cargo tanks and other cargo containment systems to be surveyed after initial full loading and those to be surveyed during the initial voyage under full loading. Furthermore, IGC Code and IACS UI GC13 do not always require that surveyors be present during such surveys. Therefore, for the reasons stated above, relevant requirements have been amended to make them more reflective of the reality of the situation.

Outline of Amendment

It has been specified that presence of Surveyors during the full loaded tests after initial full loading may be omitted by combining the those items to be surveyed after initial full loading and those to be surveyed during the initial voyage under full loading as related to the full loaded tests of ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk.