

Location of Paint Lockers above the Cargo Area for Chemicals in Bulk

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part S

Reason for Amendment

Regarding the application of the relevant requirements of paragraph 3.2.1 of the International Bulk Chemical (IBC) Code, the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection prepared a Unified Interpretation (UI) specifying that paint lockers are not to be located above cargo areas at its 51st Session in February 2007. This UI was approved in October 2007 at the 83rd Session of the Maritime Safety Committee and was circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1241.

Even though MSC.1/Circ.1241 is not mandatory, it is the internationally-agreed standard. Therefore, this amendment has been introduced in order to incorporate MSC.1/Circ.1241 into the Rules.

Outline of Amendment

This amendment has specified that paint lockers are not to be located within cargo areas as well as that seldom-accessed paint lockers provided at bow sections may be provided adjacent to cargo areas in accordance with existing precedent.