Preparation for Class Maintenance Surveys

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B Rules for High Speed Craft Rules for Floating Docks Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B Guidance for High Speed Craft

Reason for Amendment

It is specified that a survey planning meeting is to be held prior to the commencement of Class Maintenance Surveys between the surveyor, the owner's representative and the thickness measurement company representative so as to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of the survey work to be carried out.

The attendance of the master of the ship or a representative appointed by the master at such a survey planning meeting was agreed upon and incorporated into Resolution MSC.261(84) which amended the Guidelines on enhanced program of inspection (Resolution A.744(18)) at the 84th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 84) held in May 2008.

Moreover, IACS reviewed Procedural Requirement (PR) No.19 regarding thickness measurements and confirmed that PR No.19 applies to only the thickness measurements of Intermediate and Special Surveys. Therefore, IACS PR No.19 resulted in an amendment that included the incorporation of Resolution MSC.261(84).

Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with IMO Resolution MSC.261(84) and the amendment of IACS PR No.19. Furthermore, the items to be checked during survey planning meetings that were not previously included in the Rules have been specified.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) It has been specified in Part B of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships that the master of the ship or a representative appointed by the master are to attend survey planning meetings.
- (2) It has been specified in the Rules for High Speed Craft and Rules for Floating Docks that survey planning meetings are to be held.
- (3) The items to be checked during a survey planning meeting prior to the Intermediate and Special Survey have been specified.