

Emergency Towing Procedures

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B, C and CS
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Rules for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships
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Reason for Amendment

An amendment to SOLAS Convention Chapter II-1 Regulation 3-4 regarding emergency towing procedures was adopted as Resolution MSC.256(84) at the 84th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 84) held in May 2008. At the same time, Guidelines for Owners/Operators on Preparing Emergency Towing Procedures was circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1255.

These requirements apply to cargo ships not less than 500 gross tonnage and passenger ships which are constructed on or after 1 January 2010. In addition, in the case of cargo ships not less than 500 gross tonnage and passenger ships which have been constructed prior to 1 January 2010, these requirements apply to such cargo ships no later than 1 January 2012, and to such passenger ships no later than 1 January 2010.

Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with Resolution MSC.256(84).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) New requirements related to emergency towing procedures have been specified.
- (2) In the case of passenger ships and cargo ships not less than 500 gross tonnage which have been constructed prior to 1 January 2010, the new requirements have required such passenger ships to be surveyed by 1 January 2010 and such cargo ships to be surveyed by 1 January 2012 in order to verify that the emergency towing procedures are provided.
- (3) The Guidelines for Owners/Operators on Preparing Emergency Towing Procedures have been added to the Appendix of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships as reference.