

Work-Ships such as Fire Fighting Vessels, Offshore Supply Vessels and Anchor Handling Vessels

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B, P and U

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Reason for Amendment

Currently, the offshore development of energy such as crude oil/petroleum gas continues to grow in response to increasing energy demand and rising crude oil prices. In addition, the development of ocean resources is being conducted in deeper ocean areas. Therefore, not only the construction of floating offshore facilities such as mobile offshore drilling units for the development and production of ocean resources such as crude oil/petroleum gas, and floating offshore facilities for crude oil/petroleum gas production, storage and offloading, but also the construction of the work-ships that are engaged in cargo shipment and embarkation to such floating facilities, mooring, installation and fire fighting operations in offshore areas is increasing.

For the above reasons, the shipping industry desires technical requirements for work-ships e.g. fire fighting vessels, offshore supply vessels and anchor handling vessels, which are engaged in the operations mentioned above and notations affixed to the Classification Character of such work-ships.

Accordingly, the technical requirements and notations for work-ships such as fire fighting vessels, offshore supply vessels and anchor handling vessels have been specified.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Dredgers, crane ships, vessels engaged in towing operations (tugs, ocean tugs), pusher tugs, fire fighting vessels, offshore supply vessels, anchor handling vessels and vessels engaged in laying objects on the seabed (cable laying vessels and pipe laying vessels) have been defined as work-ships, and the technical requirements for these work-ships were specified in the Rules for the Part P, Survey and Construction of Steel Ships, etc.
- (2) Rules have been specified which state that notations corresponding to the type and the purpose of such work-ships are to be affixed to the Classification Characters of ships complying with the relevant requirements given in the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part P. These notations have been specified in the Guidance.
- (3) Requirements regarding the class surveys of work-ships have been specified in the Rules for the Part B, Survey and Construction of Steel Ships.
- (4) Parts of the requirements regarding load lines specified in Part P have moved to the Guidance of Part P so as to correspond with the Part V, Survey and Construction of Steel Ships.