

The Requirements related to Major Conversions

Amended Rules and Guidance

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Reason for Amendment

The following interpretations regarding the application of the SOLAS requirements related to major conversions have been specified by IACS and the IMO.

- (1) MSC.1/Circ.1246: Approved at the 83rd Session of the Maritime Safety Committee held in October 2007, this clarifies the interpretation of “Major Conversion” found in SOLAS Chapter II-1 (approved at the 63rd Session of the Marine Safety Committee held in May 1994) by adding a definition for the term “existing ship”.
- (2) MSC.1/Circ.1284: Approved at the 85th Session of the Marine Safety Committee held in December 2008, this clarifies the interpretation of “Major Conversion” regarding the application of SOLAS Chapter II-1 Regulation 1.3 and 3-6 as it relates to the conversion of single hull tankers to double hull tankers/bulk carriers.
- (3) IACS UI SCS226: This is an interpretation regarding the application of the SOLAS requirements that are related to the conversion of single hull tankers to double hull tankers/bulk carriers.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1246, MSC.1/Circ.1284 and IACS UI SC226 in order to specify the requirements that are related to the conversion of single hull tankers to double hull tankers/bulk carriers.

Outline of Amendment

The relationship between modifications of class maintenance surveys and classification items is specified, and the requirements related to the application for major conversions have been amended.