## **Fire Category of Fan Rooms**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

## **Reason for Amendment**

SOLAS Reg.II-2/7.2.1 requires that the ventilation systems for machinery spaces of category *A* shall, in general, be separated from systems for other spaces; however, it is not clear how to treat cases where fan rooms, generally categorized as other machinery spaces, serve engine rooms, which are categorized as machinery spaces of category *A*.

Therefore, IACS developed a draft unified interpretation for the fire category of fan rooms serving engine rooms and the unified interpretation was approved at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 83) held in October 2007 and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1239.

Accordingly, the requirements related to the fire category of fan rooms have been amended in accordance with the MSC.1/Circ.1239.

## **Outline of Amendment**

Requirements regarding the fire category of fan rooms serving machinery spaces of category *A* and the construction of ducts have been specified.