

# **The Records of Maintenance and Repair of IMO PSPC**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

## **Reason for Amendment**

The IMO Performance Standard for Protective Coating (PSPC) (Res. MSC.215(82)) requires that any maintenance and repair the protective coatings of ships in service be recorded in accordance with its “Guidelines for Maintenance and Repair of Protective Coatings” (MSC.1/Circ.1330). However, since the Society considers these guidelines to be non binding and the maintenance and repair of such protective coatings to also be not mandatory per se, the NK Rules only specify that the recording of the maintenance and repair of protective coatings in accordance with said guidelines is recommended.

Recently, however, the Japanese Government established new requirements specifying that the maintenance and repair of the protective coatings of ships in service are to be recorded in accordance with the IMO guidelines. Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended so that maintenance and repair of the protective coatings of ships in service are recorded in accordance with the relevant IMO guidelines.

## **Outline of Amendment**

It has been specified that the records of maintenance and repair of protective coatings are to be in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1330.