

Definition of General Dry Cargo Ships

Amended Rules

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

Reason for Amendment

IACS partly amended IACS Unified Requirement (UR) Z7.1, which relates to the requirements for the hull surveys of general dry cargo ships, in October 2011. This amendment clearly specifies that general dry cargo ships having a double side-skin construction which extends for the entire length of the cargo area as well as for the entire height of the cargo hold up to the upper deck do not need to apply the requirements specified in UR Z7.1 because double side-skin constructions afford significantly more protection to cargo spaces than traditional single side-skin designs do.

Accordingly, relevant requirement has been amended so as to follow IACS UR Z7.1(Rev.8).

Outline of Amendment

“Ships of double side-skin construction, with double side-skin extending for the entire length of the cargo area, and for the entire height of the cargo hold to the upper deck” has been added to the list of ships excluded from the definition of general dry cargo ships.