

Spaces for Inspection and Means of Access of Tankers having Independent Tanks

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C

Reason for Amendment

Requirements related to the means of access are specified in Chapter 35, Part C of the Rules. However, the minimum dimensions for the openings of the means of access to the hold spaces of tankers having independent tanks (asphalt tankers, etc.) as well as the clearances for inspection and means of access within said hold spaces were not clearly specified. Therefore, up until now, relevant provisions for oil tankers having integral tanks, which have same purpose as such tankers, and relevant provisions for ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk, which have same structure as such tankers, were being applied *mutatis mutandis*.

Accordingly, regarding the requirements for the openings for means of access to the hold spaces and the clearances for inspection and means of access within the hold spaces of tankers having independent tanks, relevant provision were amended in order to clarify the requirements by referencing the provisions for the permanent means of access of oil tankers having integral tanks and the provisions for the hold spaces of ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk.

Outline of Amendment

Minimum dimensions of the openings for means of access to the hold spaces and the clearances for inspection and means of access within the hold spaces of tankers having independent tanks (asphalt tankers, etc.) were specified.