2010 FTP Code

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C, D, T, R and P Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use

Reason for Amendment

It has been more than ten years since the Fire Test Procedures (FTP) Code (hereinafter referred to as "the Code"), which specifies methods for the fire testing and evaluation of fire protection materials, deck coverings, etc., entered into force on 1 July 1998. During that time, certain unified interpretations, developed for the purpose of interpreting the fire test procedures specified in the Code and for establishing unified test methods, were developed as MSC Circulars. In addition, many of the international standards referred to in the Code have been amended.

For this reason, the Code was reviewed by the IMO Sub-Committee on Fire Protection for the purpose of establishing more reasonable fire test procedures, taking into account the testing performance of the current version of the Code, unified interpretations of the Code, revisions of international standards referred to in the Code and guidelines by IMO to specify the testing methods, etc. As a result of this review, the 2010 FTP Code was adopted as MSC.307(88) at the IMO 88th Maritime Safety Committee (MSC88).

Accordingly, all relevant requirements have been amended based on the 2010 FTP Code.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) The definition of the FTP Code has been amended.
- (2) It has been specified that the approval testing for approval of fire protection materials, etc. is to be carried out in accordance with the 2010 FTP Code.
- (3) Fire insulation methods for the bulkhead stiffeners, etc. of fire protection construction have been amended.