

Pilot Transfer Arrangements

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Safety Equipment

Reason for Amendment

To increase the safety of pilots embarking on and disembarking from ships due to continuing occurrence of accidents related to such pilot transfers, the IMO conducted a review of the requirements related to the pilot transfer arrangements specified in SOLAS regulation V/23 and those in the “Recommendation on Pilot Transfer Arrangements” (IMO Resolution A.889(21)).

As a result, an amendment of SOLAS regulation V/23 which strengthen the aforementioned requirements was adopted as IMO Resolution MSC.308(88) at the 88th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 88) held in December 2010. Furthermore, a improved version of the “Recommendation on Pilot Transfer Arrangements” referred to in amended version of SOLAS regulation V/23 was also adopted as IMO Resolution A.1045(27) at the 27th session of the IMO Assembly held in November 2011.

Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with IMO Resolutions MSC.308(88) and A.1045(27).

Outline of Amendment

Requirements for existing ships related to the verification surveys of shipside doors used for pilot transfers have been specified.