

# **Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships**

## **Amended Rules and Guidance**

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B and D  
Rules for High Speed Craft  
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Guidance for Navigation Bridge Systems  
Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use

## **Reason for Amendment**

Ever since the *Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships* was adopted in 1981 as Resolution A.468(XII) (hereinafter, referred to as the “Existing Code”), recommendations have been continuously made to restrict onboard noise to levels specified in the Existing Code in order to further protect the health of seafarers and to continue to improve their working environment.

At the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC83) held in October 2007, twenty-seven European countries proposed the revision and strengthening of the Existing Code out of concern of the negative impact that onboard noise has upon the health of crew members as well as shipboard communication during navigation. Subsequently, a revised version of the Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships was adopted as Resolution MSC.337(91) at the 91<sup>st</sup> Session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC91) held in November 2012. In addition, an amendment to SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-12 which made compliance with this Code mandatory was also adopted as Resolution MSC.338(91)

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended based upon Resolutions MSC.337(91) and MSC.338(91).

Moreover, since the Code requires that materials used for bulkheads and decks within accommodation spaces are to satisfy the requirements related to the airborne sound insulation properties of said bulkheads and decks, requirements related to the tests and inspections for the approval of said materials were also stipulated.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) Stipulated requirements related to the Revised Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships
- (2) Stipulated requirements related to the tests and inspections for the approval of materials used for bulkheads and decks within accommodation spaces with respect to the airborne sound insulation properties of said bulkheads and decks.
- (3) Amended relevant requirements in the Rules related to the Existing Code so that they now reflect the Revised Code.