

Unified Interpretation on the Fire Test Procedures Applied to Curtains, etc.

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships

Reason for Amendment

2010 FTP Code provides requirements for fire test procedures for fire protection material; whereas paragraph 3.1 of Part 7 of Annex 1 to this Code sets performance criteria for curtains and drapes, it is not clearly specified if the criteria are only applicable to specimens tested with a surface application of the pilot flame or also to specimens tested with an edge application of the pilot flame.

As a result of consideration of the scope of application at the IMO, a unified interpretation which clarifies that the performance criteria apply to specimens tested either by surface or edge application was approved at the 92nd Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 92) held in June 2013 and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1456.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended based upon MSC.1/Circ.1456.

Outline of Amendment

Specified that, with respect to Part 7 of Annex 1 to 2010 FTP Code, the performance criteria for curtains and drapes are not only applicable to specimens tested with a surface application of the pilot flame but also to those tested with an edge application of the pilot flame.