

# **Unified Interpretation for Openings facing Cargo Areas**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts N, S and R

## **Reason for Amendment**

SOLAS Chapter II-2, the IBC Code and the IGC Code each specify requirements related to the locations of openings facing cargo areas. It may be difficult, however, for certain openings fitted to superstructures or deckhouses to satisfy the aforementioned requirements due to design limitations. Therefore, the IMO held discussions to determine whether alternative arrangements could be accepted in such situations.

As a result, at the 92nd Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC92) held in May 2013, a Unified Interpretation related to the locations of such openings facing cargo areas specified in SOLAS Chapter II-2, the IBC Code and the IGC Code was approved and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1459.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1459.

## **Outline of Amendment**

Amended requirements related to the locations of openings facing cargo areas.