

Materials used in Machinery Spaces

Amended Rules

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts D and R

Reason for Amendment

Chapter 5, Part R of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships specifies that the floorings, bulkhead linings, ceilings and decks of machinery spaces are not to be made out of either combustible or oil-absorbing materials in order to prevent the spread of fire in such spaces.

SOLAS, on the other hand, does not specify any such requirements. Moreover, recent amendments made to SOLAS have served to enhance fire safety in machinery space through the strengthening of requirements related to the fire-extinguishing equipment protecting machinery spaces. In light of this, ClassNK conducted a review of its Rules in view of consistency with the current SOLAS requirements.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in order to ensure consistency with SOLAS with respect to requirements related to the materials used in machinery spaces.

Outline of Amendment

Deleted requirements related to materials used in machinery spaces.