

Documents to be Maintained On Board Ships

Amended Rules

Rules for Safety Equipment

Reason for Amendment

The IMO compiled all of the survey requirements required by international conventions such as SOLAS or MARPOL, etc. into guidelines and adopted these guidelines as IMO Resolution A.997(25). In response, IACS developed interpretations to clarify the procedures for initial statutory surveys related to SOLAS, LOAD LINE and MARPOL which are specified in the IMO resolution and these interpretations were adopted as “Unified Interpretation (UI) SC234, LL76, and MPC96”. This UI has already been incorporated into the ClassNK Rules.

Thereafter, in response to various amendments made to the aforementioned international conventions, the IMO conducted a review of A.997(25) in order to ensure that the survey requirements in its guidelines were still consistent with the latest versions of these conventions. As a result of this review, IMO Resolution A.1053(27) was adopted. In response, IACS reviewed UI SC234, LL76 and MPC96 based upon A.1053(27) and, in turn, adopted “UI SC234, LL76 and MPC96(Rev.1)”.

ClassNK conducted a review of relevant requirements specified in its Rules related to statutory surveys and deemed them to be in compliance with the latest versions of all relevant international conventions. It was also determined, however, that the further clarification provided by UI SC234, UI LL76 and MPC96(Rev.1) needed to be incorporated in the ClassNK Rules. Accordingly, relevant requirements related to this further clarification were added to the ClassNK Rules.

Outline of Amendment

Added certificates for “long-range identification and tracking systems” to the “documents to be maintained on board” at the completion of registration surveys.