

Surveys for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B
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Reason for Amendment

The IMO's MODU (Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit) Code and IACS Unified Requirement Z15 are well known as international standards for the surveys of mobile offshore drilling units.

Since IACS UR Z15 had not been reviewed since its establishment in 2002, IACS conducted a review of the requirements related to the thickness measurements, definitions and preparations of survey. As a result, certain requirements were revised and these revision were adopted as the IACS UR Z15 (Rev.1) in January 2015. More specifically, the locations subject to thickness measurements corresponding to unit type and age were stipulated. Furthermore, with regard to requirements related to the definitions and preparations of surveys, requirements similar to those in IACS UR Z7, which specifies survey requirements for the hulls of normal ships, were stipulated.

Therefore, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with IACS UR Z15 (Rev.1).

Outline of Amendment

The main contents of this amendment were as follows:

- (1) Specified the details of requirements related to general examinations to be carried out at annual surveys;
- (2) Specified requirements related to special surveys;
- (3) Specified the exact locations subject to thickness measurements corresponding to unit type and age; and
- (4) Specified the treatment for in-water surveys in Part B of the Guidance.