

Timing of the First Special Survey

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships

Reason for Amendment

In 1.1.3-1, Part 2 of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships, it is specified that the intervals of class maintenance surveys may be in accordance, *mutatis mutandis*, with standards deemed appropriate by the Society in consideration of navigating areas and operating modes. In addition, in 1.1.3-7 of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships, it is stipulated that “HIDROVIA Parana–Paraguay” is considered to be a standard “deemed appropriate by the Society” for ships navigating in the Parana River Basin and Paraguay River Basin. Furthermore, specific intervals of class maintenance surveys are also stipulated for the aforementioned standard.

However, since there was a difference between the Guidance and HIDROVIA Parana–Paraguay regarding the timing of the first Special Survey for unmanned ships (excluding those carrying flammable liquid cargos, liquefied gases or dangerous chemicals in bulk) relevant requirements were amended to eliminate this difference.

Outline of Amendment

Specified that the first Special Survey for unmanned ships (excluding those carrying flammable liquid cargos, liquefied gases or dangerous chemicals in bulk) is to be completed within the *3-month* period prior to the date *10 years* from the completion date of the ship’s construction or the *3-month* period prior to the date *8 years* from the completion date of the ship’s classification survey, whichever is later.