

# **Documents to be Submitted for Renewing or Changing the Details of Certificates of Approval and Type Approval**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use

## **Reason for Amendment**

Requirements in the “Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use” specify that the original “Certificate of Approval” or “Type Approval Certificate” is required to be submitted when applying for the renewal of said approval/type approval, or when requesting a change in the details of said approval/type approval items.

Since a “Certificate of Approval” or “Type Approval Certificate” verifies that its holder has been approved for certain materials and equipment in accordance with the aforementioned guidance, the holders of such certificates are required to maintain possession of the original certificate throughout its term of validity. They are, however, unable to do this when applying for renewal or a change in approved details because such applications are, in principle, required to be made while the relevant certificate is still valid.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended to specify that only a photocopy, and not the original, of a “Certificate of Approval” or “Type Approval Certificate” was required to be submitted when applying for the renewal of approvals/type approvals, or requesting changes be made to the details of approved/type approved items.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) Amended requirements related to documents to be submitted for renewal of approval/type approval or requests for changes to be made to the details of approved/type approved items to specify that a photocopy of the original certificate might be submitted instead of the original itself.
- (2) Amended requirements related to the returning of old certificates when manufacturers, etc. were issued new certificates.