

Exemption of Fixed Fire-extinguishing Systems for Cargo Spaces, etc.

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

Reason for Amendment

Although SOLAS Regulation II-2/10.7 requires that the cargo spaces on cargo ships are to be protected by fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems, it does grant dispensation from such requirements for cargo spaces solely intended for the carriage of cargoes which constitute a low fire risk. Reference for what constitutes low fire-risk cargo, which appears in the footnote of the same regulation, is made to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) and the “List of solid bulk cargoes for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system may be exempted or for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system is ineffective (MSC.1/Circ. 1395/Rev.1)”.

The above-mentioned list of solid bulk cargoes is periodically reviewed by the IMO. The latest version of the list was approved at the 95th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC95) held in June 2015 and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.2.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended based upon MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.2.

Outline of Amendment

Updated references related to low fire-risk cargoes found in Chapter 10.7 of Part R of Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships to reflect MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.2.