

Means of Escape from Ro-ro Spaces

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

Reason for Amendment

SOLAS II-2/13.6 stipulates that ro-ro spaces where the crew are normally employed shall be provided with at least two means of escape, which shall provide a safe escape to the lifeboat and liferaft embarkation and shall be located at the fore and aft ends of the space. However, the terms “normally employed” and “safe escape” are not stipulated in great detail.

In this regard, IMO carried out the consideration to clarify the above. As a result of the discussions, the unified interpretation for the means of escape from ro-ro spaces was approved at MSC95 (June 2015) and circulated as MSC.1/Circ.1505.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1505.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Clarified the spaces where the crew are normally employed.
- (2) Clarified what kind of means of escape should be provided as “two means of escape from ro-ro spaces”.
- (3) Clarified the fore and aft ends of the ro-ro spaces where the means of escape shall be located.
- (4) Specified that suitable signs and markings should be provided to indicate the route to the means of escape.