

# **Continuous Hull Surveys of Tanks and Compartments of General Dry Cargo Ships**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B

## **Reason for Amendment**

IACS UR Z6 specifies requirements related to continuous hull surveys. UR Z6 also specifies detailed examinations of tanks and compartments required during Special Surveys may be omitted at the discretion of the attending surveyor, if such examinations are carried out based upon the criteria for Special Surveys and completed prior to the next Special Survey. This requirement applies to ships other than those which follow an Enhanced Survey Programme (ESP), such as oil tankers, bulk carriers and ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk. General dry cargo ships, however, were excluded from the ships eligible for continuous hull surveys by UR Z6 (Rev.4) adopted in 2004, and it was specified that any general dry cargo ships already following a continuous hull survey programme were required to stop doing so no later than due date of their next Intermediate Survey or Special Survey, whichever came first after 1 July 2005.

Since there are no longer any general dry cargo ships still in service for which the aforementioned continuous hull survey requirements in UR Z6 (Rev.4) still apply, IACS decided to delete the requirement by adopting UR Z6(Rev.6) in July 2015.

Relevant requirements were amended in accordance with IACS UR Z6(Rev.6).

## **Outline of Amendment**

Requirements related to the continuous hull surveys of general dry cargo ships were deleted.