

Definition of a Vehicle Carrier

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

Reason for Amendment

Amendments to SOLAS II-2, which specify additional fire safety measures for vehicle carriers with multi-deck ro-ro spaces designed for the carriage of cars and trucks powered by compressed hydrogen and compressed natural gas as cargo, were adopted at the 93rd Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC93) held in May 2014. These amendments have already been incorporated into NK Rules.

With respect to the above requirements, the necessity of further clarifying the definition of “vehicle carrier” was discussed at the 3rd Session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE3) held in March 2016. As a result of this discussion, a unified interpretation was developed to clarify that a “vehicle carrier” is defined as a pure car and truck carrier intended for the carriage of empty cars and trucks as cargo, and excludes other types ro-ro cargo ships, etc. This interpretation was approved as MSC.1/Circ.1555 at the 97th Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC97) held in November 2016.

Accordingly, relevant requirement was amended based upon MSC.1/Circ.1555.

Outline of Amendment

Specified that a “vehicle carrier” subject to the regulations of SOLAS II-2 is defined as a pure car and truck carrier intended for the carriage of empty cars and trucks as cargo.

Amended Requirements

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