

Pilot Transfer Arrangement with an Adverse List

Amended Guidance

Guidance for Safety Equipment

Reason for Amendment

SOLAS V/23.3.3 regarding pilot transfer arrangements stipulates that an accommodation ladder is to be provided in conjunction with a pilot ladder, whenever the distance from the surface of the water to the point of access to the ship is more than 9 m.

In this regard, the unified interpretation was approved as MSC.1/Circ.1495 at the 94th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC94) held in November 2014 to require the consideration of an adverse list in calculating the distance stated above. However, the Circular was further reviewed at the 3rd session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR3) held in March 2015.

Consequently, it was agreed that the consideration of an adverse list is not a design requirement, and the unified interpretation was revised to stipulate that the consideration of an adverse list is not required in calculating the distance stated above, which was approved as MSC.1/Circ.1495/Rev.1 at MSC97 held in November 2016.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1495/Rev.1.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Specified that the consideration of an adverse list is not required in calculating the distance from the surface of the water to the point of access to the ship.
- (2) Specified that a pilot ladder used in conjunction with an accommodation ladder is to comply with the same requirements as a pilot ladder used alone.

Amended Requirements

Guidance for Safety Equipment 3.1.1