

## **Firms Engaged in Gas-tightness Testing**

### **Amended Rules**

Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers

### **Reason for Amendment**

IACS UR Z17 specifies requirements related to the approval procedures of firms engaged in the tightness testing of primary and secondary barriers of gas carriers with membrane cargo containment systems. Included in these requirements are ones related to thermographic testing, which is a relatively new type of testing, that specify the operators and supervisors of such tests are to be certified through an independent certification body and not through an employer certification scheme.

However, one of the examples of certification given in the requirements is SNT-TC-1A: a type of certification which may be obtained through an employer certification scheme. Therefore, IACS decided to amend UR Z17 to specify that SNT-TC-1A certified personnel is to provide evidence that training on equivalent has been administered by an independent training body centrally certified to ASNT or a comparable nationally recognized certification scheme. This amendment was adopted as UR Z17 (Rev.12) in December 2016.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with UR Z17 (Rev.12).

### **Outline of Amendment**

Amended requirements to specify that SNT-TC-1A certified personnel is to provide evidence that equivalent training has been administered by an independent training body centrally certified to ASNT or a comparable nationally recognized certification scheme.

### **Amended Requirements**

Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers Part 3 15.3.1, 15.5.2