

Storage Spaces for Battery-powered Lamps Installed at the Embarkation Stations for Additional Liferafts

Amended Guidance

Guidance for Safety Equipment

Reason for Amendment

IACS specifies in Unified Interpretation (UI) SC213 that lamps are to be installed at embarkation stations for additional liferafts required by regulation 31.1.4 of SOLAS III and that the lamps are to be powered by the emergency power sources of the ship.

UI SC213 (Rev.3), adopted in December 2015, specifies that battery-powered lamps can be used as the aforementioned lamps as long as they are kept fully-charged and are stowed in storage spaces, etc. The requirements of this UI have already been incorporated into the ClassNK Rules.

The UI was submitted to the 97th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC97) for discussion and subsequently approved as MSC.1/Circ.1490/Rev.1. However, it was revised to specify that such battery-powered lamps be stowed close to the additional liferafts and their embarkation ladders.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1490/Rev.1.

Outline of Amendment

Specified that battery-powered lamps provided for embarkation stations for additional liferafts are to be stowed close to the liferafts and their embarkation ladders.

Amended Requirements

Guidance for Safety Equipment 3.1.1