

# **Exemption of Fixed Fire-extinguishing Systems for Cargo Spaces**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R

## **Reason for Amendment**

Although SOLAS Regulation II-2/10.7 requires that cargo spaces on cargo ships are to be protected by fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems, it does grant dispensation from such requirements for cargo spaces solely intended for the carriage of cargoes which constitute a low fire risk. Reference for what constitutes low fire-risk cargo, which appears in as a footnote to the same regulation, is made to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) and the “List of solid bulk cargoes for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system may be exempted or for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system is ineffective” (MSC.1/Circ. 1395/Rev.2).

The above-mentioned list of solid bulk cargoes is periodically reviewed by the IMO. The latest version of the list was approved as MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.3 at the 98<sup>th</sup> Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC98) held in June 2017.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in order to refer to the latest circular number.

## **Outline of Amendment**

Updated references related to low fire-risk cargoes found in Chapter 10.7, Part R of Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships to reflect MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.3.

## **Amended Requirements**

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships  
Part R: R10.7.1, R10.7.2