

# **Means of Access for Wind Turbine Installation Ships**

## **Amended Rules**

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part O

## **Reason for Amendment**

Requirements related to means of access specified in 35.1, Part C of the ClassNK Rules that are applicable to ships other than oil tankers or bulk carriers are currently being applied to, both ship-type and self-elevating type wind turbine installation ships.

Chapter 11 of Part O of ClassNK Rules, however, was revised in 2018 to clarify the requirements to be applied according to ship type. With regard to the hull equipment (including means of access) of self-elevating wind turbine installation ships, it was stipulated that the requirements of Part P of the ClassNK Rules are to be applied.

As a result the aforementioned revision, the means of access for self-elevating wind turbine installation ships became basically required to be equivalent to the Permanent Means of Access (PMA) required for oil tankers and bulk carriers; this, however, is inconsistent with the actual practice followed by the Society over the years when applying the relevant requirements. Accordingly, relevant requirements in Part O were revised to resolve this inconsistency.

## **Outline of Amendment**

As for the means of access for self-elevating wind turbine installation ships, revised relevant requirements so that the provisions of means of access applicable to ships other than oil tankers or bulk carriers are to be applied.

## **Amended Requirements**

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships  
Part O: 11.5.1