Carriage of Fuel On Board Ships

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

Reason for Amendment

Regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI stipulates the maximum allowable sulphur content limits (% by mass) for fuels used on board ships for the purpose of preventing air pollution caused by the sulphur oxides emitted from ships.

The IMO adopted an amendment to MARPOL Annex VI which prohibits the carriage of fuel whose sulphur content exceeds 0.5% (by mass) as Res. MEPC.305(73) at the 73rd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC73) held in October 2018.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended based upon said resolution.

In addition, the configuration of requirements in the ClassNK Rules related to Regulations 14 and 18 of MARPOL Annex VI was amended for harmonization purposes so that all relevant requirements will be in line with said regulations. This is being done as part of a comprehensive review of the ClassNK Rules.

Outline of Amendment

The main details of the amendment are as follows:

- (1) Prohibited the carriage of fuel whose sulphur content exceeds 0.5% (by mass).
- (2) Amended other provisions of the ClassNK Rules related to Regulations 14 and 18 of MARPOL Annex VI so that all relevant requirements in the ClassNK Rules would be in line with said regulations.

Amended Requirements

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Part 1 1.1.4, Part 2 1.3.2, Part 8 1.1.2, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 2.2

Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships 2.1.3

Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems Part 8 1.2.2, 2.2