

Standards for the Couplings of the Bunkering Stations of Gas Fuelled Ships

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part GF

Reason for Amendment

Paragraph 8.4.1 in Part GF of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships stipulates that couplings for bunkering stations are to be of a “standard type” in accordance with the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) 8.4.1. The IGF Code, however, does not specify the meaning of “standard type” and gives no examples of specific standards to be referenced; thus Part GF of the Rules is also unclear on this point.

In July 2019, international standard ISO 21593, which defines the technical requirements for the couplings, was established by the International Organization for Standardization.

Relevant requirements were, therefore, amended to refer to ISO 21593 as an example of a “standard type” of coupling.

Outline of Amendment

Amended relevant requirements in order to reference coupling satisfying ISO 21593 as an example of the “standard type” of coupling required for the bunkering stations of gas fuel ships.

Amended Requirements

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part GF: GF8.4.1