

Arrangement of Pressure Relief Devices for Interbarrier Spaces

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part N

Reasons for Amendment

The International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (hereinafter referred to as the “IGC Code”) was thoroughly amended by the IMO and a revised version of it was adopted as Resolution MSC.370(93) in May 2014; this revised version has already been incorporated into the ClassNK Rules. Since the revised version still makes reference to IACS Unified Interpretation (UI) GC9, which was primarily developed for the previous version of the code, its contents were also incorporated into the ClassNK Rules.

IACS subsequently adopted and submitted a new UI called UI GC28 to the IMO for review in order to confirm whether the contents of UI GC9 still apply to the revised IGC Code. The IMO’s review determined that only some parts of UI G28 were still applicable and thus agreed to only those parts of the interpretation. Those parts of the interpretation were then approved by the IMO as MSC.1/Circ.1625 at the 102nd session of its Maritime Safety Committee (MSC102) held in November 2020.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended based on MSC.1/Circ.1625.

Outline of Amendment

Deleted requirements specifying that pressure relief devices for interbarrier spaces need not comply with requirements for the arrangement of venting outlets.

Amended Requirements

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