

Amendment on 27 June 2024  
Resolved by Technical Committee on 30 January 2024

## **Effective Date and Application of Rule Amendment Notice No.28 (Dated 30 June 2023)**

### **Object of Amendment**

Amendment of the effective date and application of Rule Amendment Notice No.28 dated 30 June 2023 related to the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part N

### **Reason for Amendment**

A unified interpretation (UI) for the protected areas of additional cargo transfer equipment fitted onto ships transferring cargoes to other ships was approved as MSC.1/Circ.1668 at the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC107) in June 2023. Relevant requirements in Part N of the Guidance were accordingly amended based on MSC.1/Circ.1668, and the formal notice for these amendments was issued on 30 June 2023. The supplementary provisions for the aforementioned notice stated that amendment applied to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2023.

In September 2023, IACS adopted its own UI related to such areas as UI GC39. UI GC39 is the same as MSC.1/Circ.1668 with the only difference being its effective date and application. Instead of making UI GC39 effective immediately, IACS added a one-year grace period and specified its UI applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2024.

Accordingly, the effective date and application of Society's amendments made in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1668 are retroactively amended to be in accordance with the effective date and application of UI GC39.

### **Outline of the Amendment**

Amend the effective date and application specified In Rule Amendment Notice No.28 to be in accordance with UI GC39 instead of MSC.1/Circ.1668.

### **Effective Date and Application**

Effective date of this amendment is 27 June 2024.

ID: DX23-15

**Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table**  
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Amended	Original	Remarks
<p><b>Part N SHIPS CARRYING LIQUEFIED GASES IN BULK</b></p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION (Amendment 2-3)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The effective date of the amendment is 1 July 2024.</li> <li>Notwithstanding the amendments to the Rules, the current requirements apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction* is before the effective date.</li> </ol> <p>* <u>“contract for construction” is defined in the latest version of IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No.29.</u></p> <p><u>IACS PR No.29 (Rev.0, July 2009)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The date of “contract for construction” of a vessel is the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. This date and the construction numbers (i.e. hull numbers) of all the vessels included in the contract are to be declared to the classification society by the party applying for the assignment of class to a newbuilding.</li> <li>The date of “contract for construction” of a series of vessels, including specified optional vessels for which the option is ultimately exercised, is the date on which the contract to build the series is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder.</li> </ol> <p>For the purpose of this Procedural Requirement, vessels built under a single contract for construction are considered a “series of vessels” if they are built to the same approved plans for classification purposes. However, vessels within a series may have design alterations from the original design provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>such alterations do not affect matters related to classification, or</li> <li>If the alterations are subject to classification requirements, these alterations are to comply with the classification requirements in effect on the date on which the alterations are contracted between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder or, in the absence of the alteration contract, comply with the classification requirements in effect on the date on which the alterations are submitted to the Society for approval.</li> </ol> <p>The optional vessels will be considered part of the same series of vessels if the option is exercised not later than 1 year after the contract to build the series was signed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a contract for construction is later amended to include additional vessels or additional options, the date of “contract for construction” for such vessels is the date on which the amendment to the contract, is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. The amendment to the contract is to be considered as a “new contract” to which 1. and 2. above apply.</li> <li>If a contract for construction is amended to change the ship type, the date of “contract for</li> </ol>	<p><b>Part N SHIPS CARRYING LIQUEFIED GASES IN BULK</b></p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION (Amendment 2-3)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The effective date of the amendment is 1 July 2023.</li> <li>Notwithstanding the amendments to the Rules, the current requirements apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date.</li> </ol>	

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<p><u>construction</u> of this modified vessel, or vessels, is the date on which revised contract or new contract is signed between the Owner, or Owners, and the shipbuilder.</p> <p><u>Note:</u>  <u>This Procedural Requirement applies from 1 July 2009.</u></p>		