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Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area

Object of Amendment

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts GF and H Rules for High Speed Craft Rules for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts H and R Guidance for High Speed Craft Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships

Reason for Amendment

Chapter II-2 of SOLAS stipulates that electrical equipment installed in hazardous areas is to be of an explosion-protected type suitable for such areas. This requirement has already been incorporated into the NK Rules.

Hazardous areas are, in principle, classified into three categories—Zone 0, Zone 1 and Zone 2— in descending order of degree of danger (i.e. Zone 0 is the most hazardous) according to amount of explosive or otherwise dangerous gases present within the space, and the NK Rules specifically mention several of the more common of these areas and their corresponding categories. There are, however, cases in which electrical equipment is installed in hazardous areas that are not specifically mentioned in the NK Rules, and such areas are typically classified by the Society on a case-by-case basis in consideration of prior survey results, the prior handling of similar areas and other relevant factors. Over the years, a number of these areas have been repeatedly and consistently classified in a certain way that the Society has decided that the time has come to add specific references to them to relevant requirements in the NK Rules.

Accordingly, relevant requirements are amended to clarify the hazardous area classification of such areas with respect to the installation of electrical equipment. In addition, relevant requirements in Parts H and R of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships are amended to remove any inconsistencies with respect to descriptions of the same hazardous area.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Clarify the classification of the following hazardous areas.
 - (a) vehicle spaces in car carriers,
 - (b) dangerous good loading areas,
 - (c) battery rooms, and
 - (d) cargo areas of tank barges for navigating inland waterways and carrying cargoes having flashpoints exceeding 60 °C.
- (2) Clarify the relationship between Parts H and R of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships with respect to descriptions of the same hazardous areas.

Effective Date and Application

This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after

1 July 2024.

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An asterisk (*) after the title of a requirement indicates that there is also relevant information in the corresponding Guidance.

Amended	Original	Remarks
RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS	RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS	
Part GF SHIPS USING LOW-FLASHPOINT FUELS	Part GF SHIPS USING LOW-FLASHPOINT FUELS	
Chapter 13 VENTILATION	Chapter 13 VENTILATION	
 13.3 General Requirements (<i>IGF Code</i> 13.3) 13.3.10 Non-hazardous Areas with Entry Openings to a Hazardous Enclosed Space<u>*</u> (Omitted) 	 13.3 General Requirements (<i>IGF Code</i> 13.3) 13.3.10 Non-hazardous Areas with Entry Openings to a Hazardous Enclosed Space (Omitted) 	"*" is added, since there is the related guidance.

Amended	Original	Remarks
RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND	RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND	
CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS	CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS	
Part H ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	Part H ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	
Chapter 2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND SYSTEM DESIGN	Chapter 2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND SYSTEM DESIGN	
2.11 Accumulator Batteries	2.11 Accumulator Batteries	
2.11.6 Electrical Equipment*	2.11.6 Electrical Equipment*	
 Switches, fuses and other electrical installations liable to cause arcs are not to be installed in battery compartments. Lighting fittings provided within battery compartments are to comply with the requirements given in 2.16 and to be suitable for use 	 Switches, fuses and other electrical installations liable to cause arcs are not to be installed in battery compartments. Lighting fittings provided within battery compartments are to comply with the requirements given in 2.16 and to be suitable for use 	The classification of hazardous area of the battery room is specified because it was unclear.
 in explosive atmospheres classified into gas and vapours group <i>IIC</i>, temperature class <i>T</i>1 and construction suitable for use in Zone 1 as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079, or equivalent thereto. 3 Cables other than those for batteries and electrical installations specified in -2 above are, as a rule, not to be installed in battery compartments except in cases where installation in other locations is impracticable. 	 in explosive atmospheres classified into gases and vapours group <i>IIC</i> and temperature class <i>T</i>1 as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079 or any equivalent thereto. 3 Cables other than those for batteries and electrical installations specified in -2 above are, as a rule, not to be installed in battery compartments except in cases where installation in other locations is impracticable. 	The storage battery room of the concerned place is the object of the vented type battery, and it is assumed that explosive gas is generated in a specific situation such as when the storage battery is charged. Therefore, it is assumed that it corresponds to Zone 1.

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2.16 Explosion-protected Electrica	l Equipment	2.16 H	Explosion-protected Electrical Equipment	
 2.16.2 Selection of Explosion-pro Constructions for explosion-pro used in hazardous areas (Zone 0, Zone 1 of to be selected from the following explosi (1) Flameproof type (2) Increased safety type (3) Intrinsically safe type (Deleted) (Deleted) (4) Pressurized protected type (5) Encapsulation type (6) Powder filling type (7) Oil immersion type (8) Type of protection 'n' (9) Special protection type 	otected electrical equipment or Zone 2) on board ships are	used in h following (1) 1 (2) 1 (3) 1 (3) 1 (4) 1 (5) 1 (6) 1 (7) (6) (8) 7	Selection of Explosion-protected Construction Constructions for explosion-protected electrical equipment azardous areas on board ships are to be selected from the explosion-protected types: Flameproof type Increased safety type Increased safety type (a) Category ' <i>ia</i> ' intrinsically safe type (b) Category ' <i>ib</i> ' intrinsically safe type Pressurized protected type Encapsulation type Powder filling type Oil immersion type Type of protection ' <i>n</i> ' Special protection type	Intrinsically safety type structures are not limited to Ex ia and Ex ib, but also Ex ic. (Ex ic is also allowed if the deck of a car ship is above 450 mm. For Zone 2 hazardous areas) On the other hand, Encapsulation type include ma, mb, and mc, and Pressurized protected type include px py pz, and so on. Therefore, these structures are classified according to the types of dangerous places. If intrinsically safe explosion-proof structures are described according to the types of dangerous places, it is necessary to specify the Encapsulation type and Pressurized protected type mentioned above. Since it would be complicated to specify all these, the differences of explosion-proof structures according to the types of dangerous places are not described in detail.

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Chapt	er 4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS CARRYING SPECIAL CARGOES	Chapte	er 4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS CARRYING SPECIAL CARGOES	
4.3	Tankers and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk Having a Flashpoint Not Exceeding 60 °C	4.3	Tankers and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk Having a Flashpoint Not Exceeding 60 °C	
4.3.1	Classification of Hazardous Areas*	4.3.1	Classification of Hazardous Areas*	
danger	 following areas or spaces in tankers and ships carrying ous chemicals in bulk having flashpoints not exceeding 60 °C e classified as Zone 0, <u>Zone 1</u>, and <u>Zone 2</u> as shown below: (Omitted) (Omitted) Zone 2 (a) Areas on open decks or semi-enclosed spaces on open decks, within 1.5 <i>m</i> surrounding the areas specified in (2) above. However, the "any ventilation outlets, cargo tank openings for pressure release which permits the flow of small volumes of gas or vapour caused by thermal variations" referred to in (2)(g) above are to be in accordance with requirements otherwise specified by the Society. (except those hazardous areas otherwise specified in the Rules; hereinafter, referred to in the same way). 	dangero	 following areas or spaces in tankers and ships carrying us chemicals in bulk having flashpoints not exceeding 60 °C e classified as Zone 0, 1, and 2 as shown below: (Omitted) (Omitted) Zone 2 (a) Areas on open decks or semi-enclosed spaces on open decks, within 1.5 <i>m</i> surrounding the areas specified in (2) above (except those hazardous areas otherwise specified in the Rules; hereinafter, referred to in the same way). 	refer to remaks at Guidance H4.3.1
4.7	Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk	4.7	Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk	
	Classification of Hazardous Areas* following areas or spaces in ships carrying liquefied gases in e to be classified as Zone 0, <u>Zone</u> 1 and <u>Zone</u> 2 as shown		Classification of Hazardous Areas* ollowing areas or spaces in ships carrying liquefied gases in to be classified as Zone 0, 1 and 2 as shown below:	

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below: (1) (2) (3)	 (Omitted) (Omitted) Zone 2 (a) Areas on open decks or semi-enclosed spaces on open decks, within a distance of 1.5 <i>m</i> surrounding those areas specified in (2) above. However, the "any ventilation outlets, cargo tank openings for pressure release which permits the flow of small volumes of gas or vapour caused by thermal variations" referred to in (2)(h) above are to be in accordance with requirements otherwise specified by the Society. 	(1) (2) (3)	 (Omitted) (Omitted) Zone 2 (a) Areas on open decks or semi-enclosed spaces on open decks, within a distance of 1.5 <i>m</i> surrounding those areas specified in (2) above. 	refer to remaks at Guidance H4.7.1

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RULES FOR HIGH SPEED CRAFT	RULES FOR HIGH SPEED CRAFT	
Part 10 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	Part 10 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	
Chapter 2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND SYSTEM DESIGN	Chapter 2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND SYSTEM DESIGN	
2.8 Accumulator Batteries	2.8 Accumulator Batteries	
2.8.6 Electrical Installations*	2.8.6 Electrical Installations*	
 Switches, fuses and other electrical installations liable to cause an arc are not to be installed in battery compartments. Lighting fittings provided within battery compartments are to be suitable for use in explosive atmosphere classified into gas and vapours group IIC, temperature class T1 and construction suitable for use in Zone 1 as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079, or equivalent thereto. Cables other than those for batteries and electrical installations specified in -2 are, as a rule, not to be installed in battery compartments except where installation in other locations is impracticable. 	 Switches, fuses and other electrical installations liable to cause an arc are not to be installed in battery compartments. Lighting fittings provided within battery compartments are to be suitable for use in explosive atmosphere classified into gases and vapours group IIC and temperature class T1 as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079, or equivalent thereto. Cables other than those for batteries and electrical installations specified in -2 are, as a rule, not to be installed in battery compartments except where installation in other locations is impracticable. 	Same as guidance H2.16

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RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND	RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND	
CONSTRUCTION OF	CONSTRUCTION OF	
INLAND WATERWAY SHIPS	INLAND WATERWAY SHIPS	
Part 8 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIO	S Part 8 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	
Chapter 2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION SYSTEM DESIGN	AND Chapter 2 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND SYSTEM DESIGN	
2.11 Accumulator Batteries	2.11 Accumulator Batteries	
2.11.6 Electrical Installations*	2.11.6 Electrical Installations*	
1 Switches, fuses and other electrical installations l		
cause arcs are not to be installed in battery compartments.	cause arcs are not to be installed in battery compartments.	
2 Lighting fittings provided within battery compartmer		
comply with the requirements given in 2.16 and to be suitable		Same as guidance H2.16
in explosive atmospheres classified into gas and vapour gro temperature class <i>T</i> 1 and construction suitable for use in Zo		8
specified in IEC 60079, or equivalent thereto.	thereto.	
3 Cables other than those for batteries and e		
installations specified in -2 above are, as a rule, not to be inst		
battery compartments except in cases where installation	-	
locations is impracticable.	locations is impracticable.	

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Chapter 5 BARGES	Chapter 5 BARGES	
5.10 Tank Barges Carrying <u>Flammable</u> Liquid Cargoes	5.10 Tank Barges Carrying Liquid Cargoes <u>Having</u> <u>Flashpoint Not Exceeding 60 °C</u>	
5.10.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas*	5.10.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas*	
The following areas or spaces in tank barges carrying liquid cargoes having flashpoints not exceeding 60 °C are to be classified as Zone 0, Zone 1 and Zone 2 as shown below, and the areas or spaces in tank barges carrying liquid cargoes having flashpoints exceeding 60 °C are to be in accordance with 4.2.3, Part H of the Rules. (1) (Omitted) (2) (Omitted) (3) Zone 2 (a) Areas on open decks or semi-enclosed spaces on open decks, within 1.5 <i>m</i> surrounding the areas specified in (2) above. However the "any ventilation outlets, cargo tank openings for pressure release which permits the flow of small volumes of gas or vapour caused by thermal variations" referred to in (2)(g) above are to be in accordance with requirements otherwise specified by the Society. (except those hazardous areas otherwise specified in the Rules; hereinafter, referred to in the same way).	 having flashpoints not exceeding 60 °C are to be classified as Zone 0, 1 and 2 as shown below; (1) (Omitted) (2) (Omitted) (3) Zone 2 (a) Areas on open decks or semi-enclosed spaces on open decks, within 1.5 <i>m</i> surrounding the areas specified in (2) above (except those hazardous areas otherwise specified in the Rules; hereinafter, referred to in the same way). 	Tank Barge carrying liquid cargo with a flash point exceeding 60°C are classified

Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table (Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area)

Amended	Original	Remarks
EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION		
 The effective date of the amendments is 1 July 2024. 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. * "contract for construction" is defined in the latest version of IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No.29. 		
IACS PR No.29 (Rev.0, July 2009)		
 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. 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. 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: such alterations do not affect matters related to classification, or If the alterations do not affect matters related to classification, or 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 alterations are submitted to the Society for approval. The optional vessels will be considered part of the same series of 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 signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. The amendment to the contract, is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. The amendment to the co		
Note: This Procedural Requirement applies from 1 July 2009.		

Amended	Original	Remarks
GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND	GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND	
CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS	CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS	
Part H ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	Part H ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	
H4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS CARRYING SPECIAL CARGOES	H4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS CARRYING SPECIAL CARGOES	
H4.2 Tankers, Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk	H4.2 Tankers, Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk	
H4.2.3 Hazardous Areas	H4.2.3 Hazardous Areas	
1 The wording "those requirements otherwise specified by the Society" in 4.2.3-4, Part H of the Rules means the categorization technique specified in 4.1.4 in <i>IEC</i> 60092-502 (1999). This technique categorizes those hazardous areas adjacent to any spaces (standard hazardous areas) in which flammable or explosive gas atmospheres are present or likely to occur after taking into account the effectiveness of any sources of release and ventilation (refer to Fig. H4.2.3-1). In addition, the wording "those requirements otherwise specified by the Society" in 4.2.3-4, Part H of the Rules also means R4.5.3-5 and R11.6.2, Part R of the Guidance.	1 The wording "those requirements otherwise specified by the Society" in 4.2.3-4 , Part H of the Rules means the categorization technique specified in 4.1.4 in <i>IEC</i> 60092-502 (1999). This technique categorizes those hazardous areas adjacent to any spaces (standard hazardous areas) in which flammable or explosive gas atmospheres are present or likely to occur after taking into account the effectiveness of any sources of release and ventilation. (Refer to Fig. H4.2.3-1)	Relationship between Part R Guidance (UI SC70) and H4.2.3 and MSC.1/Circ. 1557/Rev.1 are taken into account. Part R4.5.3-5. of Guidance refers to places included in Part H 4.3.1 (2) (g), 4.3.1 (3) (a) and R11.6.2 refers to places included in Part H 4.7.1 (2) (h) and 4.7.1 (2) (a). However, Zone 2 indicated in R11.6.2 is different from that of Part H 4.7.1 (2) (a). MSC.1/Circ. 1557/Rev.1 gives precedence to R11.6.2 of the Convention requirements.

Amended	Original	Remarks
H4.3 Tankers and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk Having a Flashpoint Not Exceeding 60 °C	H4.3 Tankers and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk Having a Flashpoint Not Exceeding 60 °C	
H4.3.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas	H4.3.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas	
<u>1</u> Examples of those hazardous areas specified in 4.3.1, Part H	Examples of those hazardous areas specified in 4.3.1, Part H of the	
of the Rules are shown in Fig. H4.3.1(1) to Fig. H4.3.1(3).	Rules are shown in Fig. H4.3.1(1) to Fig. H4.3.1(3).	
Fig. H4.3.1(1) (Omitted)	Fig. H4.3.1(1) (Omitted)	
Fig. H4.3.1(2) (Omitted)	Fig. H4.3.1(2) (Omitted)	
Fig. H4.3.1(3) (Omitted)	Fig. H4.3.1(3) (Omitted)	
2 The wording "requirements otherwise specified by the Society" in 4.3.1(3)(a), Part H of the Rules means that R11.6.2, Part R of the Guidance applies and not 4.3.1(3)(a), Part H of the Rules.	(Newly added)	refer to remaks at Guidance H4.2.3
H4.7 Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk	H4.7 Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk	
H4.7.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas	H4.7.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas	
<u>1</u> Examples of those hazardous areas specified in 4.7.1, Part H of the Rules are shown in Fig.H4.7.1(1) to Fig.H4.7.1(3).	Examples of those hazardous areas specified in 4.7.1, Part H of the Rules are shown in Fig.H4.7.1(1) to Fig.H4.7.1(3).	
	Kutes are shown in Fig.114.7.1(1) to Fig.114.7.1(5).	
Fig. H4.7.1(1) (Omitted)	Fig. H4.7.1(1) (Omitted)	
Fig. H4.7.1(2) (Omitted)	Fig. H4.7.1(2) (Omitted)	
Fig. H4.7.1(3) (Omitted)	Fig. H4.7.1(3) (Omitted)	

Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table (Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area)

Amended	Original	Remarks
2 The wording "requirements otherwise specified by the Society" in 4.7.1(3)(a), Part H of the Rules means that R11.6.2, Part R of the Guidance applies and not 4.7.1(3)(a), Part H of the Rules.		refer to remaks at Guidance H4.2.3

Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table (Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area)

	Amended	•	Original	Remarks
	GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND		GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND	
	CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS		CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS	
Pa	rt R FIRE PROTECTION, DETECTION AND EXTINCTION	Part	R FIRE PROTECTION, DETECTION AND EXTINCTION	
R	19 CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS	R19	CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS	
R	19.3 Special Requirements	R19	.3 Special Requirements	
R	9.3.2 Sources of Ignition	R19	.3.2 Sources of Ignition	
1	Applying to the requirements in 19.3.2, Part R of the Rules,	1	Applying to the requirements in 19.3.2, Part R of the Rules,	
-	itted electrical installations are to be in accordance with the	-	ed electrical installations are to be in accordance with the	Due to SOLAS amendment
follov	c	followi	6-	in 2010, the exclusion of
(1) (2)		(1) (2)	(Omitted) (Omitted)	ignition sources (installation of explosion-proof devices)
(2)		(2) (3)	For ships carrying solid dangerous goods in bulk specified in	in R 19.3.2 had to be
	19.2.3(12), Part R of the Rules which may create explosive	(5)	19.2.3(12), Part R of the Rules which may create explosive	considered in addition to the
	gas and ships carrying dangerous goods in a packaged form		gas and ships carrying dangerous goods in a packaged form	space and its surroundings where liquid (less than
	specified in 19.2.3(3), (5), (7) (except the liquids of which		specified in 19.2.3(3), (7) (except the liquids of which flash	23° C) water reaction
	flash point is less than <u>-18 °C), (11) (flash point is less than</u>		point is less than <u>-</u> 18 °C), (15) or (19), Part R of the Rules,	flammable substances,
	23 °C), (15), (19) or (23) (evolving flammable vapour), Part		the requirements in Table R19.3.2-3 (Classified as	flammable toxic high
	R of the Rules, the requirements in Table R19.3.2-3		hazardous area by <i>IEC</i> 60092-506:2003) and Table	pressure gases (R edition 19.2.3 (5)) flammable toxic
	(Classified as hazardous area by IEC 60092-506:2003) and		R19.3.2-4 (Classified as extended hazardous area by <i>IEC</i>	high pressure gases, and
	Table R19.3.2-4 (Classified as extended hazardous area by		60092-506:2003) are to apply.	toxic substances with
	<i>IEC</i> 60092-506:2003) are to apply. The hazardous areas specified in Table R19.3.2-4(d) for		The hazardous areas specified in Table R19.3.2-4(d) for ships carrying flammable liquid substances having	flammable vapor (R edition 19.2.3 (23)) were loaded.
	ships carrying flammable liquid substances having		flashpoints of less than 23 °C, as specified in 19.2.3(7), (15)	Although the treatment of

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 flashpoints of less than 23 °C, as specified in 19.2.3(7), (15) or (19), Part R of the Rules, are to apply. However, enclosed spaces served by continuously forced mechanical ventilation capable of at least 6 air changes per hour may be considered as non-hazardous areas if they satisfy the following (a) and (b): (a) In the event of failure of the mechanical ventilation device, an alarm is to be activated in a continually manned space, such as the navigation bridge, the machinery control room, etc. In addition, all electrical installations except those permitted according to Tables R19.3.2-1, R19.3.2-2 and R19.3.2-3 (hereinafter referred to as "permitted electrical installation") are to be automatically switched off. (b) Essential electrical equipment for the safety of the ship or its personnel is to be a permitted electrical installation which cannot be automatically switched off. However, in cases where two or more mechanical ventilation devices are installed within the enclosed space, essential equipment need not be of a permitted electrical installation type. In such cases, essential equipment not considered to be permitted electrical installations is to be interlocked so as to prevent inadvertent operation when the ventilation devices are not operational. ((4) to (10) are omitted.) 	 enclosed spaces served by continuously forced mechanical ventilation capable of at least 6 air changes per hour may be considered as non-hazardous areas if they satisfy the following (a) and (b): (a) In the event of failure of the mechanical ventilation device, an alarm is to be activated in a continually manned space, such as the navigation bridge, the machinery control room, etc. In addition, all electrical installations except those permitted according to Tables R19.3.2-1, R19.3.2-2 and R19.3.2-3 (hereinafter referred to as "permitted electrical installation") are to be automatically switched off. (b) Essential electrical equipment for the safety of the ship or its personnel is to be a permitted electrical installation which cannot be automatically switched off. However, in cases where two or more mechanical ventilation devices are installed within the enclosed space, essential equipment need not be of a permitted electrical installation type. In such cases, essential equipment not 	hazardous area in the case where they were installed was unclear, they were considered to be treated the same as those generating explosive gas as in Part R 19.2.3 (3), (7), (15), and (19).

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Table R19.3.2-2 Hazardous Areas and Permitted Electrical Installations (Related to R19.3.2-1(2))		Т	Table R19.3.2-2Hazardous Areas and Permitted ElectricalInstallations (Related to R19.3.2-1(2))					
Haza (a) (b) (c)	rdous areas Enclosed or semi-enclosed cargo spaces Inert and exhaust ventilation ducts Enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces having a direct opening (without closing devices, such as doors) into any of the spaces specified in (a) and (b) Notes: 1. Where cargoes which require a lo taken into consideration.	 Permitted electrical installations Electrical equipment of degree of protection: IP55, maximum surface temperature: 200 °C, and associated cables Certified safe type electrical equipment specified in 2.16.2, Part H of the Rules of construction suitable for use in Zone 1 as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079-14:2013, degree of protection: IP55, temperature class: 73, and associated cables Through run cables 	Haza (a) (b) (c)	rdous areas Enclosed or semi-enclosed cargo spaces Inert and exhaust ventilation ducts Enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces having a direct opening (without closing devices, such as doors) into any of the spaces specified in (a) and (b) Note: 1. Where cargoes which require a lo taken into consideration.	 Permitted electrical installations (1) Electrical equipment of degree of protection: IP55, maximum surface temperature: 200 °C, and associated cables (2) Certified safe type electrical equipment specified in 2.16.2, Part H of the Rules of degree of protection: IP55, temperature class: <i>T</i>3, and associated cables (3) Through run cables 	Refer 4.3.1	to	IEC60092-506
	 Iron oxide, iron sponges; degra temperature class: 72 	IP55, temperature class: 74 and vapours group: II <i>A</i> , temperature class: 73 te of protection: IP55, gas and vapour group: II <i>A</i> , electrical supply circuits other than intrinsically		 Iron oxcide, Iron sponges; deg IIA, temperature class: 72 	IP55, temperature class: 74 d vapours group: IL4, temperature class: 73 ree of protection: IP55, gas <u>es</u> and vapour <u>s</u> group: ; electrical supply circuit other than intrinsically			

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Τ	Cable R19.3.2-3 Hazardous Argument Installations (Related to	eas and Permitted Electrical o R19.3.2-1(3))	Ι	Cable R19.3.2-3 Hazardous Arguing Installations (Related to the second se		
Haza (a) (b) (c) (d)	rdous areas Enclosed or semi-enclosed cargo spaces, closed or open ro-ro spaces and closed or open vehicle spaces Inert and exhaust ventilation ducts Enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces having a direct opening (without closing devices, such as doors) into any of the spaces specified in (a) and (b) Areas on open deck or semi-enclosed spaces on open decks within 1.5 m of mechanical ventilation outlets of hazardous areas	Permitted electrical installations (1) Certified safe type electrical equipment specified in 2.16.2, Part H of the Rules of construction suitable for use in Zone 1 as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079-14:2013, gas and vapours group: IIB, temperature class: <i>T</i> 3, and associated cables (2) Through run cables	Haza (a) (b) (c) (d)	rdous areas Enclosed or semi-enclosed cargo spaces, closed or open ro-ro spaces and closed or open vehicle spaces Inert and exhaust ventilation ducts Enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces having a direct opening (without closing devices, such as doors) into any of the spaces specified in (a) and (b) Areas on open deck or semi-enclosed spaces on open deck within 1.5 m of mechanical ventilation outlet of hazardous areas	Permitted electrical installations (1) Certified safe type electrical equipment specified in 2.16.2, Part H of the Rules of gases and vapours group: IIB, temperature class: 73, and associated cables (2) Through run cables	Refer to IEC60092-506 4.3.2 and 4.3.3
	 consideration. 2. The following requirements are to appare loaded in the space specified in 19. Aluminium ferrosilicon powder vapour group: IIC, temperature classical data in the space specified in the specified in the space specified in the sp	<u>and</u> <u>a</u> lumin <u>i</u> um silicon powder; gas and ass: 72		 consideration. 2. The following requirements are to appare loaded in the space specified in 19. Aluminum ferrosilicon powder, <u>A</u> group: II<i>C</i>, temperature class: <i>T2</i> Ferrosilicon; gases and vapours groups groups and vapours groups are specified. 	luminum silicon powder; gas <u>es</u> and vapour <u>s</u>	

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Table R19.3.2-4 Hazardous Are Installations (Related to		,	Table R19.3.2-4Hazardous AreInstallations (Related to	eas and Permitted Electrical o R19.3.2-1(3))	
Hazardous areas (a) Areas not ventilated by overpressure which have gas-tight closures or automatically closing gas-tight doors and lead to the areas specified in Table R19.3.2-3 (a) to (c) (b) Areas protected by gas-tight doors in accordance with R19.3.2-1(9)(b)(Air lock spaces) (c) Areas which are 1.5 m beyond the areas specified in Table R19.3.2-3 (d) (d) Enclosed spaces (bilge pump rooms, pipe tunnels, etc.) which contain sources of gas release, such as flanges, valves and pumps	 Permitted electrical installations (1) Certified safe type electrical equipment specified in 2.16.2, Part H of the Rules of construction suitable for use in Zone 2 as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079-14:2013, gas and vapour group: IIB, temperature class: <i>T</i>3 and associated cables (2) Through run cables (3) Electrical equipment of the type which enclosures the absence of sparks or arcs and no part of such equipment has an operating temperature which can cause the ignition of gases or vapours of the cargoes to be carried, and associated cables (4) Electrical equipment with type of protection "n" specified in <i>IEC</i> 	Haz (a) (b) (c) (d)	ardous areas Areas not ventilated by overpressure which have gas-tight closures or automatically closing gas-tight doors and lead to the areas specified in Table R19.3.2-3 (a) to (c) Areas protected by gas-tight doors in accordance with R19.3.2-1(9)(b) (Air lock spaces) Areas which are 1.5 m beyond the areas specified in Table R19.3.2-3 (d) Enclosed spaces (e.g., bilge pump rooms, pipe tunnels, etc.) which contain sources of gas release, such as flanges, valves, and pumps	vapours group: IIB, temperature class: 73 and associated cables(2) Through run cables	Refer to IEC60092-506 4.3.2 and 4.3.3
 consideration. 2. The following requirements are to appare loaded in the space specified in 19,2 Aluminium ferrosilicon powder vapour group: II<i>C</i>, temperature cla Ferrosilicon; gas and vapour group 	and Aluminium silicon powder; gas and ss: 72		 consideration. 2. The following requirements are to appare loaded in the space specified in 19,2. Aluminium ferrosilicon powder, vapours group: IIC, temperature cl Ferrosilicon; gases and vapours group. 	Aluminium silicon powder; gases and lass: 72	

Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table (Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area)

Amended	Original	Remarks
R20 PROTECTION OF VEHICLE AND RO-RO SPACES	R20 PROTECTION OF VEHICLE AND RO-RO SPACES	
R20.3 Precaution against Ignition of Flammable Vapours in Closed Vehicle Spaces and Closed Ro- ro Spaces	R20.3 Precaution against Ignition of Flammable Vapours in Closed Vehicle Spaces and Closed Ro- ro Spaces	
R20.3.2 Electrical Equipment and Wiring	R20.3.2 Electrical Equipment and Wiring	
 The wording "electrical equipment of a type suitable for use in explosive petrol and air mixture" in 20.3.2-1, Part R of the Rules means those generally meeting the requirements in 2.16, Part H of the Rules, having a construction <u>suitable for use in Zone 1 as</u> <u>specified in <i>IEC</i>60079-14:2013</u> certified as Apparatus Group II<i>A</i> and Temperature Class <i>T</i>3 or higher as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079-10-1:2015 or Explosion Class <i>d</i>3 and Ignition Group <i>G</i>3 or higher as specified in the Recommended Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical Installations in General Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by National Institute of Industrial Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto. Further, cables complying with 4.2.4-5, Part H of the Rules may generally be regarded as wiring of a type suitable for use in explosive petrol and air mixture. The wording "electrical equipment of a type so enclosed and protected as to prevent the escape of sparks" in 20.3.2-2, Part R of 	 The wording "electrical equipment of a type suitable for use in explosive petrol and air mixture" in 20.3.2-1, Part R of the Rules means those generally meeting the requirements in 2.16, Part H of the Rules, having an intrinsically safe, flameproof, pressurized, increased safety, encapsulation, powder filling or oil immersion construction certified as Apparatus Group II<i>A</i> and Temperature Class <i>T</i>3 or higher as specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079-10-1:2015 or Explosion Class <i>d</i>3 and Ignition Group <i>G</i>3 or higher as specified in the Recommended Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical Installations in General Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by National Institute of Industrial Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto. Further, cables complying with the requirements in 4.2.4-5, Part H of the Rules may generally be regarded as wiring of a type suitable for use in explosive petrol and air mixture. The wording "electrical equipment of a type so enclosed and protected as to prevent the escape of sparks" in 20.3.2-2, Part R of 	Refer to the UI SC43 and MSC.1/circ.1120

Amended-Original Requ	irements Comparison	Table (Electrical Eq	uipment in Hazardous	Area)

Amended			Original	Remarks
the Rules means the following (1) or (2).		the Ru	es means the following (1) or (2).	
(1)	The electrical equipment with a protection degree of at least	(1)	The electrical equipment with a protection degree of at least	
	<i>IP</i> 55 as defined in H2.1.3-4 .		<i>IP</i> 55 as defined in H2.1.3-4 .	
(2)	The electrical equipment suitable for use in the area of Zone	(2)	The electrical equipment suitable for use in the area of zone	
	2 as specified in IEC 60079-14:2013 and with a temperature		2 as specified in IEC 60079-14:2013 (e.g. type of protection	Minor Correction
	class of at least T3 as defined in IEC 60079-10-1:2015.		(n) and with a <u>T</u> emperature class of at least T3 as defined	
			in <i>IEC</i> 60079-10-1:2015.	

Amended	Original	Remarks
R20A REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLE	R20A REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLE	
CARRIERS FOR CARRIAGE OF MOTOR	CARRIERS FOR CARRIAGE OF MOTOR	
VEHICLES WITH COMPRESSED HYDROGEN	VEHICLES WITH COMPRESSED HYDROGEN	
OR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS IN THEIR	OR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS IN THEIR	
TANKS FOR THEIR OWN PROPULSION AS	TANKS FOR THEIR OWN PROPULSION AS	
CARGO	CARGO	
R20A.3 Requirements for Spaces Intended for Carriage of Motor Vehicles with Compressed Natural Gas in their Tanks for their own Propulsion as Cargo	R20A.3 Requirements for Spaces Intended for Carriage of Motor Vehicles with Compressed Natural Gas in their Tanks for their own Propulsion as Cargo	
R20A.3.1 Electrical Equipment and Wiring	R20A.3.1 Electrical Equipment and Wiring	
The wording "certified safe type for use in an explosive	The wording "certified safe type for use in an explosive	
methane and air mixture" in 20A.3.1, Part R of the Rules means	methane and air mixture" in 20A.3.1, Part R of the Rules means	The classification of hazardous areas for loading
those having a construction suitable for use in Zone 1 as specified in	those having an intrinsically safe, flameproof, pressurized, increased	compressed natural gas-
<u>IEC 60079-14:2013</u> certified as Apparatus Group IIA and	safety, encapsulation, powder filling or oil immersion construction	fueled motor vehicle is
Temperature Class T1 or higher as specified in IEC Publication 60079	certified as Apparatus Group IIA and Temperature Class $T1$ or higher	considered to be equivalent to that for loading the entire
or Explosion Class <i>d</i> 1 and Ignition Group <i>G</i> 1 or higher as specified in the Recommended Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical	as specified in <i>IEC</i> Publication 60079 or Explosion Class $d1$ and Ignition Group $G1$ or higher as specified in the Recommended	gasoline motor vehicle
Installations in General Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by	Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical Installations in General	(except 10 ventilations per
National Institute of Industrial Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto.	Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by National Institute of	hour plus 450 mm above the deck).
Further, cables which comply with the requirements in 4.2.4-5, Part	Industrial Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto. Further, cables which	ucukj.
H of the Rules may be regarded as a "certified safe type for use in an	comply with the requirements in 4.2.4-5, Part H of the Rules may be	
explosive methane and air mixture".	regarded as a "certified safe type for use in an explosive methane and	
	air mixture".	

Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table (Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area)

Amended	Original	Remarks
R20A.4 Requirements for Spaces Intended for Carriage of Motor Vehicles with Compressed Hydrogen in their <u>T</u> anks for their own Propulsion as Cargo	R20A.4 Requirements for Spaces Intended for Carriage of Motor Vehicles with Compressed Hydrogen in their tanks for their own Propulsion as Cargo	
R20A.4.1 Electrical Equipment and Wiring	R20A.4.1 Electrical Equipment and Wiring	
The wording "certified safe type for use in an explosive hydrogen and air mixture" in 20A.4.1 , Part R of the Rules means those having a construction <u>suitable for use in Zone 1 as specified in</u> \underline{IEC} 60079-14:2013 certified as Apparatus Group IIC and Temperature Class T1 or higher as specified in IEC Publication 60079 or Explosion Class d3 and Ignition Group G1 or higher as specified in Recommended Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical Installations in General Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by National Institute of Industrial Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto. Further, cables which comply with the requirements in 4.2.4-5 , Part H of the Rules may be regarded as a "certified safe type for use in an explosive hydrogen and air mixture".	The wording "certified safe type for use in an explosive hydrogen and air mixture" in 20A.4.1 , Part R of the Rules means those having an intrinsically safe, flameproof, pressurized, increased safety, encapsulation, powder filling or oil immersion construction certified as Apparatus Group IIC and Temperature Class <i>T</i> 1 or higher as specified in <i>IEC</i> Publication 60079 or Explosion Class <i>d</i> 3 and Ignition Group <i>G</i> 1 or higher as specified in Recommended Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical Installations in General Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by National Institute of Industrial Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto. Further, cables which comply with the requirements in 4.2.4-5 , Part H of the Rules may be regarded as a "certified safe type for use in an explosive hydrogen and air mixture".	The classification of hazardous areas for loading the compressed hydrogen gas-fueled vehicle is considered to be equivalent to that for loading the gasoline vehicle (except 10 ventilations per hour plus 450 mm above the deck).

Amended	Original	Remarks
GUIDANCE FOR HIGH SPEED CRAFT	GUIDANCE FOR HIGH SPEED CRAFT	
Part 10 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	Part 10 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	
Chapter 4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR	Chapter 4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR	
CRAFT CARRYING SPECIAL CARGOES	CRAFT CARRYING SPECIAL CARGOES	
4.1 Enclosed Cargo Holds for Carrying Motor Vehicles with Fuel in their Tanks for their <u>own</u> Propulsion and Enclosed Compartments Adjoining the Cargo Holds, etc.	4.1 Enclosed Cargo Holds for Carrying Motor Vehicles with Fuel in their Tanks for their <u>O</u> wn Propulsion and Enclosed Compartments Adjoining the Cargo Holds, etc.	
4.1.1 Electrical Installations in Enclosed Cargo Holds, etc.	4.1.1 Electrical Installations in Enclosed Cargo Holds, etc.	
1 <u>The</u> wording "electrical equipment of a type suitable for use in explosive gas atmosphere concerned" in 4.1.1-2, Part 10 of the Rules means those generally meeting the requirements in 2.9, Part 10 of the Rules having a construction <u>suitable for use in Zone 1 as</u>	1 <u>A</u> wording "electrical equipment of a type suitable for use in explosive gas atmosphere concerned" in 4.1.1-2, Part 10 of the Rules means those generally meeting the requirements in 2.9, Part 10 of the Rules having an intrinsically safe, flameproof, pressurized, increased	Same as Remarks at Guidance R20.3.2-1
specified in <i>IEC</i> 60079-14:2013 certified as Apparatus Group <i>II</i> A and Temperature Class <i>T</i> 3 or higher as specified <i>IEC</i> 60079 or Explosion Class <i>d</i> 1 and Ignition Group <i>G</i> 3 or higher as specified in the Recommended Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical Installations in General Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by National Institute of Industrial Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto.	safety, encapsulation, powder filling or oil immersion construction certified as Apparatus Group <i>II</i> A and Temperature Class <i>T</i> 3 or higher as specified <i>IEC</i> 60079 or Explosion Class <i>d</i> 1 and Ignition Group <i>G</i> 3 or higher as specified in the Recommended Practices for Explosion-Protected Electrical Installations in General Industries (NIIS-TR-NO.39 (2006)) issued by National Institute of Industrial	Guidalice IV20.3.2-1
Further, cables complying with the requirements in 4.2.4-5, Part H of Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships may	Safety in Japan, or equivalent thereto. Further, cables complying with the requirements in 4.2.4-5, Part H of Rules for the Survey and	

Amended	Original	Remarks
 generally be regarded as wiring of a type suitable for use in explosive gas atmosphere concerned. 2 The electrical equipment so enclosed and protected as to prevent the escape of sparks specified in 4.1.1-3, Part 10 is to be of the following (1) or (2). (1) The electrical equipment with a protection degree of at least IP55 as defined in H2.1.3-4, Part H of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships. (2) The electrical equipment suitable for use in Zone 2 and 	 Construction of Steel Ships may generally be regarded as wiring of a type suitable for use in explosive gas atmosphere concerned. 2 The electrical equipment so enclosed and protected as to prevent the escape of sparks specified in 4.1.1-3, Part 10 is to be of the following (1) or (2). (1) The electrical equipment with a protection degree of at least IP55 as defined in H2.1.3-4, Part H of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships. (2) The electrical equipment suitable for use in zone 2 (e.g. 	Remarks
with a temperature class of at least <i>T</i> 3 as defined in <i>IEC</i> 60079.	type of protection "n") and with a temperature class of at least <i>T</i> 3 as defined in <i>IEC</i> 60079.	

Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table (Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area)

Amended	Original	Remarks
GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND	GUIDANCE FOR THE SURVEY AND	
CONSTRUCTION OF	CONSTRUCTION OF	
INLAND WATERWAY SHIPS	INLAND WATERWAY SHIPS	
Part 8 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	Part 8 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS	
Chapter 5 BARGES	Chapter 5 BARGES	
5.9 Tank Barges	5.9 Tank Barges	
5.9.3 Hazardous Areas	5.9.3 Hazardous Areas	
1 The wording "those requirements otherwise specified by the	1 The wording "those requirements otherwise specified by the	
Society" in 5.9.3-2, Part 8 of the Rules means the categorization technique specified in 5.9.4 in <i>IEC</i> 60092-502 (1999). This	Society" in 5.9.3-2, Part 8 of the Rules means the categorization	Same as Remarks at Guidance
technique specified in 5.9.4 in <i>IEC</i> 00092-302 (1999). This technique categorizes those hazardous areas adjacent to any spaces	technique specified in 5.9.4 in <i>IEC</i> 60092-502 (1999). This technique categorizes those hazardous areas adjacent to any spaces	H4.2.3
(standard hazardous areas) in which flammable or explosive gas	(standard hazardous areas) in which flammable or explosive gas	
atmospheres are present or likely to occur after taking into account	atmospheres are present or likely to occur after taking into account	
the effectiveness of any sources of release and ventilation (refer to	the effectiveness of any sources of release and ventilation. (Refer to	
Fig. 8.5.9.3-1). In addition, the wording "those requirements	Fig. 8.5.9.3-1)	
otherwise specified by the Society" in 5.9.3-2, Part 8 of the Rules		
also means 7.3.2-2, Part 9 of the Guidance.		

Amended	Original	Remarks
5.10 Tank Barges Carrying <u>Flammable</u> Liquid Cargoes	5.10 Tank Barges Carrying Liquid Cargoes <u>Having</u> <u>Flashpoint Not Exceeding 60 °C</u>	
5.10.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas	5.10.1 Classification of Hazardous Areas	
<u>1</u> Examples of those hazardous areas specified in 5.10.1, Part 8 of the Rules are shown in Fig. 8.5.10.1(1) to Fig. 8.5.10.1(3).	Examples of those hazardous areas specified in 5.10.1, Part 8 of the Rules are shown in Fig. 8.5.10.1(1) to Fig. 8.5.10.1(3).	
Fig.8.5.10.1(1) (Omitted)	Fig.8.5.10.1(1) (Omitted)	Same as Remarks at Guidance H4.7.1
Fig.8.5.10.1(2) (Omitted)	Fig.8.5.10.1(2) (Omitted)	117./.1
Fig.8.5.10.1(3) (Omitted)	Fig.8.5.10.1(3) (Omitted)	
2 The wording "requirements otherwise specified by the Society" in 5.10.1(3)(a), Part 8 of the Rules means that 7.3.2-2, Part 9 of the Guidance applies and not 5.10.1(3)(a), Part 8 of the Rules.	(Newly addd)	

Amended-Original Requirements Comparison Table (Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Area)

 EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION The effective date of the amendments is 1 July 2024. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Guidance, the current requirements apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction* is before the effective date. * "contract for construction" is defined in the latest version of IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No.29. 	
 Notwithstanding the amendments to the Guidance, the current requirements apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction* is before the effective date. * "contract for construction" is defined in the latest version 	
IACS PR No.29 (Rev.0, July 2009)	
 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. 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. 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: (1) such alterations do not affect matters related to classification, or (2) 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 alterations are subject to classification requirements in effect on the date on which the alterations are submitted to the Society for approval. The optional vessels will be considered part of the same series of vessels or additional options, the date of "contract for construction" for such easilised to runde 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 signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilde additional ves	