

GF13 Fire protection of spaces containing equipment for the fuel preparation

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IGF Code Part A, Regulation 2.2.42 reads:

2.2.42 Ship constructed on or after 1 January 2024 means:

- .1 for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2024; or
- .2 in the absence of a building contract, the keels of which are laid, or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2024; or
- .3 the delivery of which is on or after 1 January 2028.

IGF Code Part A-1, Section 11.3.1 reads:

11.3 Regulations for fire protection

11.3.1 Any space containing equipment for the fuel preparation such as pumps, compressors, heat exchangers, vaporizers and pressure vessels shall be regarded as a machinery space of category A for fire protection purposes.

Interpretation

1. Fire protection in 11.3.1 means structural fire protection, not including means of escape.
- ~~2. Enclosed spaces containing equipment for fuel preparation such as pumps or compressors or other potential ignition sources are to be provided with a fixed fire extinguishing system complying with the provisions of SOLAS II-2/10.4.1.1 and the FSS Code and taking into account the necessary concentrations / application rate required for extinguishing gas fires.~~
2. Notwithstanding interpretation 1, any enclosed spaces containing equipment for fuel preparation such as pumps or compressors or other potential ignition sources are to comply with regulation 11.8 of the IGF Code as amended by Resolution MSC.475(102).

Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies on:
 - i) ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2019;
 - ii) ships which commence conversion to using low-flashpoint fuels on or after 1 July 2019;
 - iii) ships, using low-flashpoint fuels, which commence, on or after 1 July 2019, undertaking to use low-flashpoint fuels different from those which it was originally approved to use before 1 July 2019.
2. The “contracted for construction” date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of “contract for construction”, refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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3. The “commence conversion” date means the date on which the contract is placed for the conversion or in the absence of a contract, the date on which the work identifiable with the specific conversion begins.

4. The “commence undertaking to use” date is the date of the document accepted by the Classification Society as request for approval for the use of a new fuel.

5. Rev.1 of this Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies on ships constructed on or after 1 January 2024 as defined in paragraph 2.2.42 of the IGF Code.

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