

Unified Interpretation for the IMO Performance Standard for Protective Coatings

Amended Guidance

Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C

Reason for Amendment

In July 2011, IACS adopted Unified Interpretation SC223(Rev.2) which specifies the interpretation for the IMO Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC) with respect to the secondary surface preparation and alternative coating systems of dedicated seawater ballast tanks, etc and this UI has already been incorporated into the ClassNK Rules.

After that, at the 92nd Session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC92) held in May 2013, IACS UI SC223(Rev.2) was discussed and, as a result, a new IMO unified interpretation based upon UI SC223(Rev.2) with some changes made was approved as MSC.1/Circ.1465. In response to this, IACS amended both UI SC223(Rev. 2) and UI SC259 (which specifies the interpretation for the IMO PSPC with respect to cargo oil tanks and is, therefore, similar to UI SC223) in order to ensure consistency with MSC.1/Circ.1465. These were adopted as IACS UI SC223(Rev.3) and UI SC259 respectively in October 2013.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with IACS UI SC223(Rev.3) and UI SC259.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Deleted parts of the interpretations related to secondary surface preparation methods.
- (2) Amended requirements related to coating inspector assistants.
- (3) Deleted interpretations related to alternative coating systems.