

Effective Date and Application of Draft Amendments

Draft Amendments have not been implemented yet, whilst their effective dates are subject to change.

No.	D r a f t A m e n d m e n t	Effective Date and Application
No.1	Requirements for Lashing Software (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B, C, and CS)	(1)
No.2	Approval of Container Securing Systems (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B, C, and CS, and Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use)	(2)
No.3	Strength of Container Supporting Structures (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C including related Guidance)	(1)
No.4	Amendment related to Part C of the Rules for Survey and Construction of Steel Ships (2024 Amendment 2) (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C including related Guidance)	(3)
No.5	Standardisation of Terminology Used for Yield Strength Standards (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts K and M including related Guidance)	(4)
No.6	Shape of Tensile Test Specimens for Rolled Steel (Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part K and Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use)	(4)
No.7	Range of Approval of Welding Procedures and Related Specifications (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part M)	(5)
No.8	Welding Requirements for Pressure Vessels and Application Requirements for Rolled Stainless Steels (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts D and K including related Guidance)	(6)
No.9	Addition of Emission Control Areas (Canadian Arctic Area and Norwegian Sea Area) (Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems and Rules for Marine Engine Emission Verification including related Guidance)	(7)
No.10	Review of the Scope of Preventive Machinery Maintenance Systems (Rules for Preventive Machinery Maintenance Systems)	(8)
No.11	Interpretation of Crowns of Machinery Spaces of Category A (Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships)	(1)
No.12	Life-Saving Appliances (Guidance for Safety Equipment)	(9)
No.13	Safety Measures for Cargo Tanks of Tankers (Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R)	(1)

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No.14	Submission of Documents relevant to AFS (Rules for Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships)	(4)
No.15	The Ship Recycling Convention (Rules for Ship Recycling including related Guidance (Establish), Regulations for the Classification and Registry of Ships, and Regulations for the Issue of Statutory Certificates including related Guidance)	(10)
No.16	Name of Coating Inspector Qualification and Name of Material Safety Data Sheet (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B including related Guidance, and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships)	(11)
No.17	Unified Interpretation for Watertight Doors (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C)	(12)
No.18	Fire Safety Measures for the Vehicle Spaces, Special Category Spaces and Ro-ro Spaces of Ro-ro Passenger Ships and Cargo Ships (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R including related Guidance, and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships)	(1)
No.19	Arrangement of Fixed Fire Detection and Alarm Systems Required for Control Stations in Cargo Ships (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R including related Guidance)	(13)
No.20	Amendments of IGF Code (MSC.551(108)) (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part GF including related Guidance, and Guidance for High Speed Craft, Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships, and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships)	(11)
No.21	Clarification of the Application of Part GF and Part N (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts GF and N including related Guidance, Guidance for High Speed Craft, Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships, and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships)	(14)
No.22	Electronic Inclinometers (Rules for Safety Equipment)	(11)
No.23	Application of Polar Code to Small Ships (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts A and I, and Rules for Safety Equipment including related Guidance)	(15)
No.24	Uninterruptible Power System Units and Valve-regulated Sealed Type Lead Acid Batteries (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part H, Rules for High Speed Craft, and Rules for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships including related Guidance)	(16)
No.25	Requirements for Accumulator Battery Systems (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part H)	(6)
No.26	Inclination Requirements for Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk and Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts D and H, and Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use)	(17)

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No.27	Precautions against Fire in Cable Installations (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part H including related Guidance, and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part H, Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships)	(18)
No.28	Inspection Requirements Regarding the IP Code (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts B and O)	(4)
No.29	Performance Tests for Hatch Covers (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B)	(4)
No.30	Unified Interpretation for MARPOL ANNEX VI (Energy Efficiency for Ships) (Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems)	(8)
No.31	Bunker Delivery Notes for Low-Flashpoint Fuel and Gas Fuel, and Related Regulations (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part R, Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems, and Rules for Marine Engine Emission Verification including related Guidance)	(19)
No.32	Electronic Ballast Water Record Book (Rules for Ballast Water Management Installations including related Guidance)	(20)
No.33	Unified Interpretation for Inspections of the Means of Access (Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part C including related Guidance)	(4)

Notes:

- (1) This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2025.
- (2)
 - (a) Part B, C, and CS of Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2025. This includes those ships to which Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships applied prior to its comprehensive revision.
 - (b) Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use
This amendment applies to securing fittings installed in ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2025. This includes those ships to which Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships applied prior to its comprehensive revision.
- (3)
 - (a) This draft amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after the date 6 months from [the date of establishment].
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provision of preceding (a), this draft amendment may apply, upon request, to ships for which the date of contract for construction is before the effective date.
- (4) Effective date of this amendment is [the date of establishment].
- (5) This amendment applies to tests for which the application is submitted to the Society on or after the date of establishment.
- (6) This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2025.
Notwithstanding the above, this amendment may be applied prior to the effective date upon request of the shipowner.
- (7) Effective date of this amendment is 1 March 2026.
- (8) Effective date of this amendment is 1 July 2025.

- (9) This draft amendment applies to any of the following (1) to (3):
- (a) Life-saving appliances installed on ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2026.
 - (b) In the absence of a building contract, life-saving appliances installed on ships, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2026.
 - (c) Life-saving appliances other than those specified in (1) and (2) above, having a contractual delivery date to the ship or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date, being actually delivered to the ship on or after 1 January 2026
- (10) Effective date of this establishment and amendment are 26 June 2025.
- (11) Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2026.
- (12) This amendment applies to ships that fall under the following:
- (a) those for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 July 2025.
 - (b) those for which, in the absence of a building contract, the keels are laid or are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2025; or
 - (c) those for which the delivery of is on or after 1 January 2028.
- (This amendment also applies to ships subject to Part C of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships prior to its comprehensive revision.)
- (13) This draft amendment applies to ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2026.
- (a) Chapter 29, Part R of the Rules
This draft amendment applies to ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2026.
 - (b) B1.1.3, Part B of the Guidance and Chapter 1, Part 2 and Chapter 4, Part 7 of the Guidance for Passenger Ships
Effective date of the amendment is 1 January 2026
- (14) Effective date of this amendment is following (a) and (b).
- (a) GF11.7.1, Part GF of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2025.
 - (b) Others
Effective date of the amendment is 1 July 2025.
- (15) Effective date of this amendment is 1 January 2026. (However, this amendment applies from 1 January 2027 to ships the keels of which were laid or which were at a similar stage of construction before the effective date.)
- (16) Effective date of this amendment is following (a) and (b).
- (a) Annex 3.3.3(3), Part H of the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
This draft amendment applies to UPS units for which the application for approval is submitted to the Society on or after 1 July 2025 and UPS units installed in ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2025.
 - (b) Amendments other than (1)
This draft amendment applies to vented type batteries, valve-regulated sealed lead acid batteries and semiconductor converters installed in ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 July 2025.
- (17)
- (a) Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Parts D and H
This amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2026.
 - (b) Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use
This amendment applies to automatic devices and equipment for which the application for approval for use is submitted to the Society on or after 1 January 2026.
- (18) This draft amendment applies to ships for which the date of contract for construction is on or after 1 January 2026.
- (19) Effective date of this amendment is following (a) and (b).
- (a) Part R of the Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships

Effective date of this draft amendment is 1 January 2026.

(b) Rules and Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems, Rules and Guidance for Marine Engine Emission Verification

Effective date of this draft amendment is 1 August 2025.

(20) Effective date of this amendment is 1 October 2025.