

Subject :

Amendment of Rules Regarding the
Interval Between Docking Surveys
(Applicable to non-Japanese vessels)

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To Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned:

As you know, a Docking Surveys is to be carried out as part of a Special Survey for oil tankers, bulk carriers and ore carriers in accordance with the enhanced survey programme, which has been in force since 1 July 1993.

Vessels of types other than those indicated above can have a Docking Survey carried out separately from the Special Survey. However, in such cases, problems often arise during the preparations for carrying out internal inspections, close-up surveys or thickness measurements while the vessel is afloat, or with regard to the arrangements of a repairer to make necessary repairs. In addition, there has been some difficulties in cases where a docking survey is extended as a result of the present requirement which simply states: "A Docking Survey is to be carried out two times in any five year period."

Therefore, in order to avoid these problems, the Rules regarding the interval between Docking Surveys has been amended to read: "One of the two Docking Surveys required during each five year period shall coincide with the Special Survey."

A copy of the "Guidance for the Amendment to the Rules Regarding the interval between Docking Surveys" is attached for your information.

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact the Survey Department at the head office of ClassNK.

Attachments: Guidance for the Amendment to the Rules Regarding the
interval between Docking Surveys

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Guidance for the Amendment to the Rules Regarding of the Interval between of Docking surveys

1. Purpose of amendment

The purpose of this amendment is to improve the survey of ship hulls & vessel maintenance by carrying out internal inspections or thickness measurements on the occasion of a Docking Survey.

2. Amendment of the Rules regarding the interval between of Docking Surveys
Summary of the amendment is as follows.

Intervals between Docking Surveys

"A Docking Survey is to be carried out with an interval not exceeding two and half years between Docking Surveys. One of the two Docking Surveys required during each five year period shall coincide with the Special Survey."

Extension of Docking Surveys

"An extension to the Docking Survey may be granted subject to prior approval by the Society. In any case, the Docking Survey shall not be extended beyond the due date of the Special Survey."

3. Guidance

- 1) This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 1996.
- 2) In cases when the due date of a Docking Survey has been determined to be five years from the date of the second to last Docking Survey, such due date shall be changed to two and half years from last docking survey, but is not to exceed the due date of the Special Survey.
- 3) When the due date of a Docking Survey has been determined to be beyond the due date of the Special Survey, such due date will be changed to coincide with the due date of the Special Survey.
- 4) In general, internal inspections or thickness measurements, which are required as part of a Special Survey, should be carried out on the occasion of a Docking Survey.
- 5) Vessels following the HSSC system should also carry out a Docking Survey on the occasion of the Special Survey in accordance with this amendment.
- 6) Procedures for obtaining extensions to the Docking Surveys remain unchanged.

4. Grace period

Those vessels which have a Special Survey due date no later than 30 September 1997 may be exempted from the provisions of this amendment until 30 September 1997.

5. Survey status

- 1) The Survey status of a given vessel will be modified in accordance with items 3.-2) & -3) above.
- 2) In cases when the due date of an outstanding recommendation which given before 1 July 1996 is the next "Docking Survey", such due date should be interpreted as being the due date of the Docking Survey as before, regardless of above revision.
- 3) In the case of item 4 above, the due date of the next Docking Survey should be interpreted as being two and half years from the date of the last Docking Survey regardless of the above revision.
(i.e. Docking Surveys for such vessels may in this one case be permitted to exceed the due date for the Special Survey due for that ship, as appropriate.)