

Subject :

Amendment of Guidance for the Survey and
Construction of Steel Ships and
Other Guidances

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To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships and Other Guidances have been amended in 28th June, 1996, and will come into force on 1st September, 1996.

It will not be long before the above mentioned Guidances are published.

1. Partial Amendments to Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships, Part C and Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use (Prototype Approval for Emergency Towing Arrangements)

Emergency towing arrangements made obligatory by amendments to Chapter V of the SOLAS Convention have become mandatory from 1 January 1996 for tankers of 20,000 DWT or more, ships carrying liquefied gases in bulk and ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk. The Society has regarded Emergency towing arrangements as special equipment for specific ships like tankers, and so Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships have been amended last year and have come into force from 1 January 1996. In SOLAS Convention, such equipments are required to pass prototype test approved by the Administration. In this time, regulations for prototype test of emergency towing arrangements and its approving manner has been prescribed, in addition to the above Rules, based on IMO Resolution MSC 35(63) and unified interpretation of IACS. This prototype test includes not only mechanical test but also expansion test, and on the other hand production test for approved emergency towing arrangements has been enacted also.

2. Partial Amendments to Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use (Mass Production System)

- i. Components under mass production system may be treated in the same manner with the completed products.
- ii. From 1st July 1996, manufacturers who intended to have their product undergo by the mass production system have to be certified under the *Rules for Approval of Manufacturer*. In connection with the amendment, requirements concerning quality control of the manufacturers on the above guidance have been deleted. They are specified in the *Rules for Approval of Manufacturer*. The quality control system of approved manufacturers is examined under Annual Examinations and three yearly Renewal Examinations.

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