

Subject :

Examinations, Testing and Certification for
Cargo Gears of Ships Entering in USA Ports
Under ILO Convention No. 152 by USA OSHA

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To shipowners and shipbuilders concerned,

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of USA has revised the Safety and Health Regulations for Longshoring which incorporate the requirements for examinations, testing and certification of cargo gear of ships, and has enforced them on and after 21 January 1998. The revised Regulations require cargo gear of ships to be subjected to an annual thorough examination on and after 27 July 1998, and load testing on and after 16 July 2001 under ILO Convention No. 152.

Under the revised Regulations, the OSHA requires certification of an annual thorough examination (on and after 27 July 1998) and load testing (on and after 16 July 2001) for cargo gear of ships which enter in ports of the USA and of which flag states are parties to ILO Convention No. 152. As for cargo gear of ships of which flag states are not parties of ILO Convention No. 152, however, examinations, testing and certification under ILO Convention No. 32 will be accepted.

For ships which are fallen in the above category and of which cargo handling appliances are surveyed under the Society's Rules, their derrick systems should be subjected to an annual thorough examination instead of an annual examination and a quadrennial thorough survey (every four years), both required under the Rules, and be certified on and after 27 July 1998. Cargo gears (such as cranes and derrick systems) and cargo ramps should then be subjected to load testing every five years and be certified on and after 16 July 2001. It is therefore recommended that necessary actions should be taken before the respective ships enter in the USA ports.

For information, the states which are parties to ILO Convention No. 152 include Brazil, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea, Iraq, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Spain, Sweden and Tanzania.

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