

Subject :

Venting System Of Oil/Chemical Tankers
Required Under SOLAS 74
(Ref. NK Technical Information No.251)

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To: Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

We have already informed by NK Technical Information No.251 dated 6 April 1998 about amendments to venting system specified in SOLAS 74/Chapt.II-2, Reg.59 to be effective from 1 July 1998 and also informed that oil/chemical tankers which carry oils and chemicals have to comply with the said amendments because they should comply with the requirements applicable to each mode of operation as an oil tanker and as a chemical tanker.

At a meeting of the IMO's Sub-Committee on Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG) held last July, it was agreed that oil/chemical tankers might comply with only the relevant requirements of IBC/BCH codes as chemical tankers and the amendments to venting system specified in SOLAS 74 would not be applied to them at this moment. According to this agreement, oil/chemical tankers do not have to comply with the amendments to venting system specified in SOLAS 74 until IBC/BCH codes are amended accordingly. It should, however, be noted that the agreement by BLG has to be endorsed by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) in order to get formally effective and that there is possibility that it will not be endorsed by MSC.

A final decision on this matter will be made by MSC to be held in December 1998. In case where oil/chemical tankers are scheduled to be in a dry dock before the final decision by MSC, we are going to decide how to deal with this matter confirming the flag Government. In this regard, please contact the Survey Department (Tel: 03-5226-2027, Fax: 03-5226-2029) for information.

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