

Subject :

The color of protective coatings applied to
seawater ballast tanks of oil tankers and
bulk carriers

NKTECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To: Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

Dear Sir(s):

With reference to the SOLAS Regulation II-1/Part A-1/3-2, we would like to inform you that it has not become mandatory that the protective coating to be applied to the ballast tanks of Liberian flag vessels is to be of a light color. Consequently, no governments of flag states require compulsorily that the coating is to be of a light color as far as we have received replies from flag states. In cases where the governments of flag states do not clearly instruct us whether or not the "Light Color" is mandatory, ClassNK does not require that the protective coating to be of a light color referring to an unified interpretation of IACS.

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