



CIRCULAR LETTER

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Re:

IACS Unified Interpretation (UI) SC257(Nov 2012)(Corr.1 Apr 2013) Pilot Transfer Arrangements (SOLAS V/23 as amended by Resolution MSC.308(88))

Item of technical supervision:

Ships under construction

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Amends Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships, Part III «Equipment, Arrangements and Outfit», Chapter 8.8, ND No. 2-020101-072

para 8.8.1 is supplemented with the following text:

Interpretation: sub-paragraphs 1 and 2 of SOLAS regulation V/23.3.3 address two different and distinct arrangements - the former when only a pilot ladder is used; the latter when a combined arrangement of "an accommodation ladder used in conjunction with the pilot ladder" is used.

1. SOLAS V/23.3.3.1 limits the climb to not more than 9 m on a single ladder relative to the still water line which is considered a normal condition for the pilot to board the ship. In such instances when only a pilot ladder is used, "due allowance" for adverse list of 15° applies to an emergency condition and permits a pilot climb more than 9 m by an additional length of pilot ladder. 2. SOLAS V/23.3.3.2 and Section 3 of IMO resolution A.1045(27) applies to a combined arrangement of "an accommodation ladder used in conjunction with the pilot ladder" for "safe and convenient access to, and egress from, the ship" for which a 15° list requirement does not apply.

It is necessary to do the following:

1. During the review of plan approval documentation it is necessary to be guided by the given text.
2. Content of this Circular Letter shall be brought to the notice of the surveyors and interested organizations and persons within the activity area of the RS Branch Offices.

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