

TECHNICAL CIRCULAR 178/2018

To: Owners, Technical Managers, Deputy Registrars, Fleet Managers and Surveyors

Subject: Amendments to the International Code on the enhanced programme of inspection during surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code)

Date: 21/06/2018

Summary

This Circular aims to inform technical managers about the amended requirements detailed in the IMO Resolution MSC.412(97) "*Amendments to the International Code on the enhanced programme of inspection during surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code)*" which shall enter into force from the **1 July 2018** (attached below).

The ESP Code was adopted through the IMO Resolution A.1049(27) on 30 November 2011.

Applicability:

- All bulk carriers of 500 Gross Tonnage and above, having **single-side** skin construction (Annex A, Part A) and **double-side** skin construction (Annex A, Part B).

Double-side skin bulk carrier is a ship which is constructed generally with single deck, topside tanks and hopper side tanks in cargo spaces, and is intended primarily to carry dry cargo in bulk including ore carriers and combination carriers, in which all cargo holds are bounded by a double-side skin (regardless of the width of the wing space) (ref. Annex A, Part B, Par. 1.2.1)

- All oil tankers of 500 Gross Tonnage and above, having **double hull** construction (Annex B, Part A) and **other than double-hull** construction (Annex B, Part B).

Double-hull oil tanker is a ship which is constructed primarily for the carriage of oil in bulk, which has the cargo tanks protected by a double-hull which extends for the entire length of the cargo area, consisting of double sides and double-bottom spaces for the carriage of water ballast or void spaces (ref. Annex B, Part A, Par. 1.2.1)

Required Actions:

The above Resolution shall amend the following requirements during the below detailed surveys, depending on the specific type of vessels flying Cook Islands Flag:

With reference to the specific definition of surveys, please note:

- **Close-up survey:** *is a survey where the details of structural components are within the close visual inspection range of the surveyor, i.e. normally within reach of hand.* (ref. IMO Resolution A.1049(27), Ch. 1.2.5);

ANNEX A, PART A – BULK CARRIERS HAVING SINGLE SKIN CONSTRUCTION

Par. 1.5 – Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

Paragraph 1.5 is replaced with the following:

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by Annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys.

Par. 2.4 – Hatch covers and coamings

Paragraph 2.4.4 is replaced with the following:

2.4.4. Close up survey and thickness measurement³ of the hatch cover and coaming plating and stiffeners should be carried out as given in annexes 1 and 2.

Annex 1 – Requirements for close-up survey at renewal surveys

Note (D) is replaced with the following:

"(D) Cargo hold hatch covers and coamings. For cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures".

ANNEX A, PART B – BULK CARRIERS HAVING DOUBLE-SIDE SKIN CONSTRUCTION

Par. 1.5 – Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

Paragraph 1.5 is replaced with the following:

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by Annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys.

Par. 2.4 – Hatch covers and coamings

Paragraph 2.4.4 is replaced with the following:

2.4.4. Close up survey and thickness measurement³ of the hatch cover and coaming plating and stiffeners should be carried out as given in annexes 1 and 2.

Annex 1

Appendix 1 – Minimum requirements for close-up survey at renewal survey of double-side skin bulk carriers excluding ore carriers

5 < Age ≤ 10 years – Renewal Survey No.2

The third paragraph in the column is replaced with the following:

"25% of ordinary transverse frames for transverse framing systems or 25% of longitudinals for longitudinal framing systems on side shell and inner side plating at forward, middle and aft parts in the foremost double-side tanks. (B)"

10 < Age ≤ 15 years – Renewal Survey No.3

The third paragraph in the column is replaced with the following:

"25% of ordinary transverse frames for transverse framing systems or 25% of longitudinals for longitudinal framing systems on side shell and inner side plating at forward, middle and aft parts in all double-side tanks. (B)"

Age > 15 years – Renewal Survey No.4 and Subsequent

The third paragraph in the column is replaced with the following:

"All ordinary transverse frames for transverse framing systems or all longitudinals for longitudinal framing systems on side shell and inner side plating at forward, middle and aft parts in all double-side tanks. (B)"

Note (D) is replaced with the following:

"(D) Cargo hold hatch covers and coamings. For cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures."

Appendix 2

Minimum requirements for close-up survey at renewal survey for ore carriers

Note (D) is replaced with the following:

"(D) Cargo hold hatch covers and coamings. For cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures."

Annex 2 - Requirements for thickness measurements at renewal surveys

5 < Age ≤ 10 years – Renewal Survey No.2

Paragraph 3 is replaced with the following:

"3 Measurement, for general assessment and recording of corrosion pattern, of those structural members subject to close-up survey according to annex 1/appendix 1 or annex 1/appendix 2 as applicable."

10 < Age ≤ 15 years – Renewal Survey No.3

Paragraph 3 is replaced with the following:

"3 Measurement, for general assessment and recording of corrosion pattern, of those structural members subject to close-up survey according to annex 1/appendix 1 or annex 1/appendix 2 as applicable."

ANNEX B, PART A – OIL TANKERS HAVING DOUBLE-HULL CONSTRUCTION

Par. 1.5 – Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys."

Par. 2.5 – Extent of thickness measurements

2.5.6 In cases where two or three sections are to be measured, at least one should include a ballast tank within 0.5L amidships. In case of oil tankers of 130 m in length and upwards (as defined in the International Convention on Load Lines in force) and more than 10 years of age, for the evaluation of the ship's longitudinal strength as required in 8.1.2, the sampling method of thickness measurements is given in annex 12.

2.6 Extent of tank pressure testing

Paragraph 2.6.1.1 is replaced with the following:

".1 tank testing procedure, specifying fill heights, tanks being filled and bulkheads being tested, has been submitted by the owner and reviewed by the Administration or recognized organization prior to the testing being carried out;"

Annex 1 - Minimum requirements for close-up survey at renewal survey of double-hull oil tankers

"(7) Web frame in a cargo oil tank means deck transverse, longitudinal bulkhead structural elements and cross ties, where fitted, including adjacent structural members."

ANNEX B, PART B – OIL TANKERS HAVING OTHER THAN DOUBLE-HULL CONSTRUCTION

Paragraph 1.5 is replaced with the following:

1.5 Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys."

2.6 Extent of tank pressure testing

Paragraph 2.6.1.1 is replaced with the following:

".1 tank testing procedure, specifying fill heights, tanks being filled and bulkheads being tested, has been submitted by the owner and reviewed by the Administration or recognized organization prior to the testing being carried out;"

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ANNEX 4

**RESOLUTION MSC.412(97)
(adopted on 25 November 2016)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME
OF INSPECTIONS DURING SURVEYS OF BULK CARRIERS
AND OIL TANKERS, 2011 (2011 ESP CODE)**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING resolution A.1049(27), by which the Assembly adopted the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 ("the 2011 ESP Code"), which has become mandatory under chapter XI-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("the Convention"),

NOTING ALSO Article VIII(b) and regulation XI-1/2 of the Convention concerning the procedure for amending the 2011 ESP Code,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its ninety-seventh session, amendments to the 2011 ESP Code proposed and circulated in accordance with Article VIII(b)(i) of the Convention,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with Article VIII(b)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the 2011 ESP Code the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with Article VIII(b)(vi)(2)(bb) of the Convention, that the said amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 January 2018 unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Contracting Governments to the Convention or Contracting Governments the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have notified the Secretary-General of their objections to the amendments;

3 INVITES Contracting Governments to the Convention to note that, in accordance with Article VIII(b)(vii)(2) of the Convention, the amendments shall enter into force on 1 July 2018 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, for the purposes of Article VIII(b)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;

5 REQUESTS ALSO the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its annex to Members of the Organization which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention.

ANNEX

**AMENDMENTS TO
THE INTERNATIONAL CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS
DURING SURVEYS OF BULK CARRIERS AND OIL TANKERS, 2011 (2011 ESP CODE)**

ANNEX A

**CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS DURING SURVEYS OF
BULK CARRIERS**

Part A

**CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS DURING SURVEYS OF
BULK CARRIERS HAVING SINGLE-SIDE SKIN CONSTRUCTION**

- 1 Paragraph 1.5 is replaced with the following:

"1.5 Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys."

- 2 Paragraph 2.4.4 is replaced with the following:

"2.4.4 Close up survey and thickness measurement³ of the hatch cover and coaming plating and stiffeners should be carried out as given in annexes 1 and 2.

³ Subject to cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures."

ANNEX 1

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSE-UP SURVEY AT RENEWAL SURVEYS

- 3 Note (D) is replaced with the following:

"(D) Cargo hold hatch covers and coamings. For cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures."

Part B

CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS DURING SURVEYS OF BULK CARRIERS HAVING DOUBLE-SIDE SKIN CONSTRUCTION

- 4 Paragraph 1.5 is replaced with the following:

"1.5 Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys."

- 5 Paragraph 2.4.4 is replaced with the following:

"2.4.4 Close up survey and thickness measurement³ of the hatch cover and coaming plating and stiffeners should be carried out as given in annexes 1 and 2.

³ For cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures."

ANNEX 1

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSE-UP SURVEY AT RENEWAL SURVEYS

Appendix 1 – Minimum requirements for close-up survey at renewal survey of double-side skin bulk carriers excluding ore carriers

5 < Age ≤ 10 years – Renewal Survey No.2

- 6 The third paragraph in the column is replaced with the following:

"25% of ordinary transverse frames for transverse framing systems or 25% of longitudinals for longitudinal framing systems on side shell and inner side plating at forward, middle and aft parts in the foremost double-side tanks. (B)"

10 < Age ≤ 15 years – Renewal Survey No.3

- 7 The third paragraph in the column is replaced with the following:

"25% of ordinary transverse frames for transverse framing systems or 25% of longitudinals for longitudinal framing systems on side shell and inner side plating at forward, middle and aft parts in all double-side tanks. (B)"

Age > 15 years – Renewal Survey No.4 and Subsequent

8 The third paragraph in the column is replaced with the following:

"All ordinary transverse frames for transverse framing systems or all longitudinals for longitudinal framing systems on side shell and inner side plating at forward, middle and aft parts in all double-side tanks. (B)"

9 Note (D) is replaced with the following:

"(D) Cargo hold hatch covers and coamings. For cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures."

Appendix 2 – Minimum requirements for close-up survey at renewal survey for ore carriers

10 Note (D) is replaced with the following:

"(D) Cargo hold hatch covers and coamings. For cargo hold hatch covers of approved design which structurally have no access to the internals, close-up survey/thickness measurement shall be done of accessible parts of hatch covers' structures."

ANNEX 2

REQUIREMENTS FOR THICKNESS MEASUREMENTS AT RENEWAL SURVEYS

5 < Age ≤ 10 years – Renewal Survey No.2

11 Paragraph 3 is replaced with the following:

"3 Measurement, for general assessment and recording of corrosion pattern, of those structural members subject to close-up survey according to annex 1/appendix 1 or annex 1/appendix 2 as applicable."

10 < Age ≤ 15 years – Renewal Survey No.3

12 Paragraph 3 is replaced with the following:

"3 Measurement, for general assessment and recording of corrosion pattern, of those structural members subject to close-up survey according to annex 1/appendix 1 or annex 1/appendix 2 as applicable."

ANNEX B

CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS DURING SURVEYS OF OIL TANKERS

Part A

CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS DURING SURVEYS OF DOUBLE-HULL OIL TANKERS

13 Paragraph 1.5 is replaced with the following:

"1.5 Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys."

14 Paragraph 2.5.6 is replaced with the following:

"2.5.6 In cases where two or three sections are to be measured, at least one should include a ballast tank within 0.5L amidships. In case of oil tankers of 130 m in length and upwards (as defined in the International Convention on Load Lines in force) and more than 10 years of age, for the evaluation of the ship's longitudinal strength as required in 8.1.2, the sampling method of thickness measurements is given in annex 12."

15 Paragraph 2.6.1.1 is replaced with the following:

".1 tank testing procedure, specifying fill heights, tanks being filled and bulkheads being tested, has been submitted by the owner and reviewed by the Administration or recognized organization prior to the testing being carried out;"

ANNEX 1

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSE-UP SURVEY AT RENEWAL SURVEY OF DOUBLE-HULL OIL TANKERS

16 Note (7) is replaced with the following:

"(7) Web frame in a cargo oil tank means deck transverse, longitudinal bulkhead structural elements and cross ties, where fitted, including adjacent structural members."

Part B

**CODE ON THE ENHANCED PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS
DURING SURVEYS OF OIL TANKERS OTHER THAN
DOUBLE-HULL OIL TANKERS**

17 Paragraph 1.5 is replaced with the following:

"1.5 Thickness measurements and close-up surveys

In any kind of survey, i.e. renewal, intermediate, annual or other surveys having the scope of the foregoing ones, for structures in areas where close-up surveys are required, thickness measurements, when required by annex 2, should be carried out simultaneously with close-up surveys."

18 Paragraph 2.6.1.1 is replaced with the following:

".1 tank testing procedure, specifying fill heights, tanks being filled and bulkheads being tested, has been submitted by the owner and reviewed by the Administration or recognized organization prior to the testing being carried out;"
