
To related departments of the Headquarters, Shanghai Rules & Research Institute, plan approval centres, branches, survey offices, shipyards, design institutes and shipping companies

Notification on Modifications to Relevant Paragraphs of the
Rules for Classification of Sea-Going Steel Ships (2009)

PART ONE PROVISIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
CHAPTER 4 SURVEYS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Section 3 TIGHTNESS TESTING OF COMPARTMENTS

1. In Table 4.3.4.1, Note ① is added to Item Nos. 1a, 2, 3, 4a, 5 and 11 in the column “Structure to be tested” as follows:

“① Leak or hydropneumatic testing may be accepted under the conditions specified in paragraph 4.3.3.2 of this Section, provided that at least one tank for each type is structurally and satisfactorily tested, subject to the agreement of the Administration of the flag State. Structural testing need not be repeated for subsequent vessels of a series of identical newbuildings. In any case, however, this relaxation does not apply to cargo space boundaries in tankers and combination carriers and tanks for segregated cargoes or pollutants. If the structural test reveals weakness or severe faults not detected by the leak test, all tanks are to be structurally tested.”

2. In Table 4.3.4.1, Note ② is added to Item No. 1b in the column “Refer to SOLAS Ch. II-1/Reg.11” as follows:

“② Hydraulic testing may be waived provided that both the watertightness of all boundaries of compartments or tanks is confirmed by appropriate testing and the structural strength of the boundaries is ensured, subject to the agreement of the Administration of the flag State.”

3. The existing notes ① to ③ are renumbered as ③ to ⑤.

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