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The Merchant Shipping (Additional Safety Measures for Bulk Carriers) Regulations 2022

PART 2

Survey and maintenance of bulk carriers

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10.—(1) A bulk carrier must be subjected to the enhanced programme of inspections required by the ESP Code during a survey required by the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2015.

(2) A bulk carrier must comply with—

- (a) the maintenance requirements contained in regulation 3-1 of Chapter II-1 (structural, mechanical and electrical requirements for ships); and
- (b) the standards for owners, inspection and maintenance of bulk carrier hatch covers specified in regulation 7 of Chapter XII(1) (and contained in IMO Resolution MSC.169(79)).

Surveys of certain bulk carriers constructed before 1st July 1999

11.—(1) Bulk carriers constructed before 1st July 1999 of—

- (a) 150 metres or more in length; and
- (b) single-side skin construction,

must not carry solid bulk cargo having a density of 1,780 kg/m³ or above unless one of the requirements in paragraph (2) is complied with.

(2) The requirements are that the bulk carrier is subjected to—

- (a) an intermediate or renewal survey carried out under the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2015 and conducted in accordance with the enhanced programme of inspections required by the ESP Code; or
- (b) a survey only of all cargo holds, which is carried out to the same extent as in a survey mentioned in paragraph (a).

(1) Regulation 7 of Chapter XII requires compliance with the standards for owners, inspection and maintenance of bulk carrier hatch covers, set out in IMO Resolution MSC.169(79). MSC.169(79) was adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO on 9th December 2004 for the purposes of the application of regulation 7 of Chapter XII. As such, its requirements are made mandatory by reference to it in regulation 7 of Chapter XII.