



NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTERS



TECHNICAL LETTER No 3- 2024

FROM: NASHA Technical Department
TO: NASHA exclusive surveyors-Owner
SUBJECT: SAFE MOORINGS AMMENDMENTS ENTER INTO FORCE JANUARY 1ST, 2024
DATE: MARCH 2nd 2024

To: Organization Members / Surveyors

Dear Exclusive Surveyors,

the purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Amendments to the IMO Convention for the Amendments to chapter II-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), related to towing and mooring. The amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/3-8 (Towing and mooring equipment), require appropriate and safe-to-use designs of mooring arrangements, and introduce a maintenance and inspection regime, as well as proper documentation. Related guidelines were also adopted, covering the design of mooring arrangements and the selection of appropriate mooring equipment and fittings for safe mooring; and inspection and maintenance of mooring equipment including lines; as well as revised guidance on shipboard towing and mooring equipment.

ships constructed on or after 1 January 2007

Ships shall be provided with arrangements, equipment and fittings of sufficient safe working load to enable the safe conduct of all towing and mooring operations associated with the normal operation of the ship.

Arrangements, equipment and fittings provided in accordance with paragraph 4 above shall meet the appropriate requirements of the Administration or an organization recognized by the Administration under regulation I/6.

for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2024; or

in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2024; or

the delivery of which is on or after 1 January 2027.

For ships of 3,000 gross tonnage and above, the mooring arrangement shall be designed, and the mooring equipment including lines shall be selected, in order to ensure occupational safety and safe mooring of the ship, based on the guidelines developed by the Organization. Ship-specific information shall be provided and kept on board.



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Refer to the Guidelines on the design of mooring arrangements and the selection of appropriate mooring equipment and fittings for safe mooring (MSC.1/Circ.1619).

Refer to towing and mooring arrangement plan in the Guidelines on the design of mooring arrangements and the selection of appropriate mooring equipment and fittings for safe mooring (MSC.1/Circ.1619).

Ships of less than 3,000 gross tonnage should comply with the requirement in paragraph 7 above as far as reasonably practicable, or with applicable national standards of the Administration.

This update will start on January 1st, 2024.

Waiting for your confirmation of “SAFE RECEIPT, READ and UNDERSTANDING”.



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