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RULES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEA-GOING SHIPS

AMENDMENTS NO. 1/2013

to

**PART V
FIRE PROTECTION**

2013



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Amendments No.1 /2013 to Part V – Fire Protection – 2013 of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-going Ships were approved by the PRS Board on 25 June 2013 and enter into force on 1 July 2013.

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The following amendments to Part V – Fire Protection – 2013 have been introduced:

1. New paragraph 1.3.13 has been added:

1.3.13 For all ships, *new installation of materials which contain asbestos*¹⁾ should be prohibited.

For the purpose of verification that *new installation of materials which contain asbestos* is not made on ships, asbestos-free declarations and classification documentation concerning insulating materials, structural materials with insulation and fire-fighting equipment, specified in 2.1.2.1.1 and 5.1.1.9, respectively, shall be provided for:

- ships built on or after 1 July 2012;
- ship conversions (contract date for the conversion or, in the absence of a contract, the date on which the work identifiable with the specific conversion begins) on or after 1 July 2012.

2. In paragraph 2.1.2.1.1, the last sentence has been amended to read:

Insulating materials or structural materials with insulation, such as wall, ceiling and floor coverings, fire doors, etc. shall be supplied by shipyards, repair yards and equipment manufacturers with asbestos-free declaration, taking into account Appendix 8 of the *Guidelines for the development of the inventory of hazardous materials* (resolution MEPC.197(62)).

3. In paragraph 4.2.4.1.2, the first sentence has been amended to read:

4.2.4.1.2 The control panel shall be located on the navigation bridge or in the fire control station. An indicating unit shall be located on the navigation bridge if the control panel is located in the fire control station, e.g. in CO₂ fire-extinguishing station. Observation of smoke shall be made by electrical means or by visual observation on repeater panel.

4. Paragraph 5.1.1.9 has been amended to read:

5.1.1.9 Fire equipment protecting against the effect of fire, such as fire blankets, protective clothing, gloves, etc. shall be supplied with asbestos-free declaration, taking into account Appendix 8 of the *Guidelines for the development of the inventory of hazardous materials* (resolution MEPC.197(62)).

¹⁾ *New installation of materials which contain asbestos* means any new physical installation on board. Any material purchased prior to 1 January 2011 being kept in the ship's store or in the shipyard for a ship construction shall not be permitted to be installed after 1 January 2011 as a working part.

5. *In Part SUPPLEMENT – RETROACTIVE REQUIREMENTS, paragraph 2.6 has been added.*

2.6 Prohibition of the Use of Materials Containing Asbestos

From 1 January 2011, *new installation of materials which contain asbestos* should be prohibited for all ships.

In the context of MSC.1/Circ.1379, *new installation of materials containing asbestos* means any new physical installation on board. Any material purchased prior to 1 January 2011 being kept in the ship's store or in the shipyard for a ship under construction/alteration shall not be permitted to be installed after 1 January 2011 as a working part.

It means that materials used (i.e. repaired, replaced, maintained or added) as insulating materials, structural materials with insulation, as well as fire-fighting equipment, specified in 2.1.2.1.1 and 5.1.1.9, respectively, installed on or after 1 July 2012, will be required to be documented with an asbestos-free declaration.

This does not preclude the stowage of material which contains asbestos on board (e.g. spare parts existing on board as of 1 July 2012).

The phrase „should not be permitted to be installed after 1 January 2011 as a working part” in MSC.1/Circ.1379 means that replacement, maintenance or addition of materials used as insulating materials, structural materials with insulation, as well as fire-fighting equipment, specified in 2.1.2.1.1 and 5.1.1.9, respectively, which contain asbestos is prohibited.
