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TITLE	AMENDMENTS TO 2011 ESP CODE
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To Owners, Managers, Ship Builders and Masters of Malaysian Vessel,

1. The Enhanced Survey Program (ESP) Code is a mandatory survey requirement for Oil Tankers and Bulk Carriers as required by SOLAS Regulation XI-1/2. The Code was adopted as A.1049(27) which superseded the previous ESP program A.744(18). The code has been regularly updated to maintain compatibility with the IACS requirements.
2. Further updates to the ESP Code have been agreed based upon a submission from IACS which reflect amendments made to IACS UR Z10 series.
3. The amendments address the following elements:
 - a. The requirements to execute thickness measurements of the area subject to close up surveys. Thickness measurement required of close up survey at renewal survey of double side skin bulk carriers excluding ore carrier.
 - b. Exclusion of an internal check box type hatch cover as surveyors have no access to the internal structure and the structure is not considered to be subject to corrosion.
 - c. To specify the minimum content of the tank testing procedure when this is to be carried out by the vessel’s crew.
 - d. For oil tanker and bulk carrier in any kind of survey, 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.
4. These amendments will help ensure harmonization between the IMO and IACS requirements. Where crew is allowed to carry out cargo tank testing, during renewal survey, the cargo tank testing procedure is to be submitted to Recognized Organization or Administration for approval and to include the details of filling height, tanks detail and bulkhead being tested.
5. Ship owners, operators and masters are advised to be guided by the above.
6. IMO Resolution MSC.412(97) provided in this circular as **Annex 1**.

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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;"
