INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR SHIPS CARRYING INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL (IP CODE)

Relevant for ship owners and managers

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The Marine Safety Committee, at its 106th session, adopted the International code of safety for ships carrying industrial personnel (IP code). IP code becomes mandatory to comply with at July 1st 2024 and applies to vessels with a gross tonnage of 500 and above engaged in carriage of industrial personnel.

Introduction

The international code of safety for ships carrying industrial personnel, IP code for short, is a newly developed code which becomes mandatory to comply by July 1st, 2024. The IP code applies to all ships with GT of 500 and above engaged in transfer of industrial personnel. For vessels with gross tonnage of under 500 that carry more than 12 special and industrial personnel, the administration can apply goals and regulations of the code.



Definitions

For the purpose of this code:

Carriage means transportation, accommodation or both.

Industrial personnel (IP) means all persons transported or accommodated on board for the purpose of offshore industrial activities performed on board other ships and/or offshore facilities.

IP area is every area or space where IP are normally intended to stay during voyage or are allowed to access.

Personnel transfer means the full sequence of the operation of transferring personnel and their equipment at sea to or from a ship to which this Code applies and from or to another ship or an offshore facility.



Goals and functional requirements:

The goal of this Code is to provide for the safe carriage of industrial personnel on ships and their safety during personnel transfer operations by addressing any risks present not adequately mitigated by the applicable safety standards in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974.

Regulations

The IP code contains regulations regarding the industrial personnel, safe transfer of said personnel and the following topics for vessels that fall under SOLAS chapter I and vessels that fall under SOLAS chapter X:

- Subdivision and stability
- Machinery installations
- Electrical installations
- Periodically unattended machinery spaces
- Fire safety
- Life-saving appliances and arrangements
- Dangerous goods

The associated forms regarding certificates for this code are found in the appendix of the IP code



The complete International code of safety for ships carrying industrial personnel (IP code) can be found in RESOLUTION MSC.527 (106) adopted on November 10th 2022. / End.

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