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FSS, LSA Code Revision

Reference: SOLAS

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-**FSS Code Revision** - The Committee adopted amendments to the FSS Code which clarify the location of the valve that isolates the inert gas main from the external supply of inert gas. Resolution MSC.457(101).

• **LSA Code Revision** - The Committee adopted amendments to paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code. Resolution MSC.459(101). The revision permits, on cargo ships, the dedicated rescue boat to be manually launched (in lieu of being fitted with stored mechanical power) provided its mass does not exceed 700 kg in fully equipped condition without the crew and that a means is arranged to bring and hold the craft against the ship's side so that persons can embark safely. The application is defined as applicable to rescue boats installed on board ships on or after 1 January 2024.

• **IBC Code Revisions** - the Committee adopted a comprehensive set of revisions for the carriage requirements of products in Chapter 17 of the IBC Code, primarily because of the revised Chapter 21 on the criteria for assigning carriage requirements for products subject to the IBC Code. Resolution MSC.460(101). Additionally, specific products are now required to undergo prewash procedures under MARPOL Annex II. Chapter 15 was revised to require hydrogen sulphide detection equipment shall be provided on board ships carrying bulk liquids prone to formation. Similar amendments were approved for the BCH Code. Entry into force of the amendments is 1 January 2021.

• **Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code** – the Committee adopted to amendments to the *International Code on the Enhanced Program of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011* (2011 ESP Code). Resolution MSC.461(101). In addition to numerous editorial revisions providing consistent terminology, the more substantive amendments are:

- ✓ clarify the responsibilities and working arrangements where the 2011 ESP Code requires at least two exclusive surveyors to attend on board at the same time to perform the required survey;
- ✓ provide consistency with IMO goal-base standards, GBS, regime (e.g., number and location of thickness measurements to be taken, acceptance criteria for corrosion and renewal of structure and longitudinal strength e valuation);

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✓ clarify specific elements that are subject to close-up survey in tanks on one side of the ship;
✓ specify conditions for using hydraulic arm vehicles or aerial lifts for the close-up survey
The Committee decided to make updates to the 2011 Code instead of creating a new 2019 version. Entry into force date of the amendments is 1 January 2021.

REFERENCES:

- SOLAS; FSS and LSA Code Revision
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