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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Upgrading of Coating Condition
Reference	CONARINA - Instructions

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Requirements for Upgrading Ballast Tank Coatings

When a ballast tank coating condition is rated “fair” or “poor” and an owner requests an upgrade of the rating of the ballast tank coating, the procedures used for ballast tank cleaning, surface preparation and coating application are to be in accordance with IACS Recommendation 87, “Guidelines for Coating Maintenance & Repairs for Ballast Tanks and Combined Cargo/ Ballast Tanks on Oil Tankers” (can be applied to vessels other than tankers) or Tanker Structure Cooperative Forum publication “Guidelines for Ballast Tank Coating Systems and Surface Preparation”.

A written plan and procedures for tank coating condition upgrade is to be submitted by the owner and reviewed by the Surveyor prior to commencing coating upgrade. At the Survey Planning Meeting and included in the Planning Document and/or meeting minutes, the Owner is to be made aware of the requirement prior to commencement of the blasting and coating.

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA – Instructions. Courtesy of ABS.
- ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,

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