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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code
Reference	ESP Code

2011 ESP Code

Draft Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code Based on the findings of a recent marine safety investigation, the Sub-Committee finalized amendments to the 2011 ESP Code that are intended to align the requirements for inspections of void spaces bounding cargo holds with the existing requirements for inspections of water ballast tanks. For ships that have undergone a major conversion into a *bulk carrier* or ships that were originally designed to be a bulk carrier and have been subjected to a major conversion, additional amendments would require such tanks and other spaces to be subject to annual examinations if the tank structure has been subjected to major conversion and where a hard protective coating is found to be in “less than GOOD” condition. The proposed amendments will apply to bulk carriers of single-side skin construction and double-side skin construction. Several additional clarifying amendments to the 2011 ESP Code were also finalized:

- 1) Clarification that the ESP Code is not applicable to oil tankers carrying oil in independent tanks not part of ship's hull; and
- 2) Clarification of requirement for examination of ballast tanks at annual surveys.

Next Steps: The draft amendments to the 2011 ESP will be progressed to MSC 105 (Apr-2022) for further consideration and approval, and subsequent adoption at MSC 106 (Nov-2022).

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