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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>Tonnage, load line and stability</b>
Reference	IMO Ship Design and Construction Sub-Committee (SDC)

**SDC 10 was held from 22 - 26 January 2023.**

The IMO Ship Design and Construction Sub-Committee (SDC) is where many technical and operational requirements related to ship design and construction (*including tonnage, load line and stability*) are discussed. SDC reports to the Maritime Safety Committee.

The Summary Report includes an executive summary for those requiring a general overview, but also more technical information for those who would like more detail on the discussions that took place.

Key developments from SDC 10 include:

- Draft guidelines for emergency towing arrangements (ETA) for ships other than tankers.
- Review of the guidelines for the reduction of Underwater Radiated Noise from shipping to address adverse impacts on marine life and identification of next steps.
- Draft guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS chapter II-1/55 - Safety objectives and functional requirements, were finalized.
- Draft guidelines for use of fiber-reinforced plastics (FRP) within ship structures.

REFERENCES:

- Maritime Safety Committee

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Kindest Regards,  
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