



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 825 of 5th May 2024

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Prevention of Progressive Flooding
Reference	Amendments to IBC Code

International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code), Chapter 2: Amendments to IBC Code – Prevention of Progressive Flooding

An amendment to the IBC Code provides new considerations for the placement of watertight openings regarding the final damaged water line, which is critical to determine satisfactory equilibrium after flooding.

This amendment specifies the additional types of openings fitted with watertight closures that may be excluded from the requirement of being located above the final water line after flooding:

- Remotely operated sliding watertight doors
- Hinged watertight access doors with open/closed indication locally and at the navigation bridge and of the quick-acting or single-action type normally closed at sea
- Hinged watertight doors permanently closed at sea

This change was also made to correlate with related amendments made to the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention and several other International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards.

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REFERENCES:

- Amendments to IBC Code

ATTACHMENTS: No

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