
MPC5 Minimum vertical depth of each double bottom tank or space

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(Annex I, Regulation 18.15.2)

18.15.2 the minimum vertical depth of each double bottom tank or space shall be $B/15$ or 2m, whichever is the lesser. Where a lesser depth is provided, the bottom tank or space shall not be taken into account when calculating the protecting area PAs.

Interpretation

For the purpose of determining the minimum vertical depth of each double bottom tank or space to be taken into account when calculating the protecting area PAs, suction wells may be neglected, provided such wells are not excessive in area and extend below the cargo tank for a minimum distance and in no case more than half the height of the double bottom tank or space.

Notes:

1. Revision 1 of this Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies for ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2016.
2. The “contracted for construction” date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of “contract for construction”, refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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