

GC36 Oxygen Deficiency Monitoring Equipment in a Nitrogen Generator Room Area

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Interpretation of paragraph 13.6.4 of the IMO International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (as amended by Resolutions MSC.370(93), MSC.411(97) and MSC.441(99))

Paragraph 13.6.4 of the Code reads as follows:

13.6.4 Where indicated by an "A" in column "f" in the table of chapter 19 ships certified for carriage of non-flammable products, oxygen deficiency monitoring shall be fitted in cargo machinery spaces and cargo tank hold spaces. Furthermore, oxygen deficiency monitoring equipment shall be installed in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces containing equipment that may cause an oxygen-deficient environment such as nitrogen generators, inert gas generators or nitrogen cycle refrigerant systems.

Interpretation

Two oxygen sensors are to be positioned at appropriate locations in the space or spaces containing the inert gas system, in accordance with paragraph 15.2.2.4.5.4 of the FSS Code, for all gas carriers, irrespective of the carriage of cargo indicated by an "A" in column "f" in the table in chapter 19 of the Code.

Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies on ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2021.
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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