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CONSIDERATION OF IACS UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS

Application of the Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC) for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers – resolution MSC.215(82) – “Assistant inspector”

Submitted by International Association of Classification Societies (IACS)

SUMMARY

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| Executive summary: | This document proposes a revision of IACS Unified Interpretation (UI) SC 223, which takes into account the comments made regarding this UI during DE 52. |
| Strategic direction: | 2 |
| High-level action: | 2.1.1 |
| Planned output: | 2.1.1.5 |
| Action to be taken: | Paragraph 6 |
| Related documents: | DE 52/21 (paragraph 17.3), DE 52/17 and resolution MSC.215(82) |

Background

1 During the discussion at the fifty-second session of the Sub-Committee, which is reported in paragraph 17.3 of document DE 52/21, questions were raised, *inter alia*, regarding the term “assistant inspectors” as provided in IACS Unified Interpretation UI SC 223, a copy of which was attached at annex to document DE 52/17.

2 IACS notes that the term “assistant inspectors” has not been used in resolution MSC.215(82) – Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers, and acknowledges that without further explanation this might cause confusion.

Discussion

3 IACS notes that the “coating inspector”, as defined in section 6.1 of the above MSC resolution, could not possibly be expected to do all inspections as defined in section 6.2 of the resolution, even though the resolution infers this. In IACS UI SC 223, IACS has therefore included provisions relating to persons assisting such “coating inspectors”.

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4 In order to address the queries raised at DE 52, IACS would consider to rephrase “assistant inspectors” given in section 4 under “PSPC 6 – Coating inspection requirements” of the IACS UI SC 223; as “assistants to the coating inspectors”, if that clears concerns expressed at DE 52. Also IACS would take this opportunity to remind the Sub-Committee that the unchanged wording of section 4.1 of the UI states that such an assistant is “under the coating inspector’s supervision”.

5 For ease of reference section 4 of the “PSPC 6 – Coating inspection requirements” of the IACS UI SC 223, showing the proposed modification is provided at annex to this document.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the foregoing discussion and the proposed modification of UI SC 223 as shown at annex to this document, and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

Section 4 of the “PSPC 6 – Coating inspection requirements” of the IACS UI SC 223 showing proposed changes (additional text is underlined and text to be deleted is shown in ~~strike through~~).

4 Assistants to the coating inspectors

4.1 If the coating inspectors ~~requires~~ assistance from other persons to do the part of the inspections under the coating inspector’s supervision, those persons shall be trained to the coating inspector’s satisfaction.

4.2 Such training should be recorded and endorsed either by the inspector, the yard’s training organisation or inspection equipment manufacturer to confirm competence in using the measuring equipment and confirm knowledge of the measurements required by the PSPC.

4.3 Training records shall be available for verification if required.
