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THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS COMING INTO FORCE

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2026

- **IGC Code:** Alternative fuels and technologies
- **MARPOL Annex VI:** Regulation 13

2027

- **IMSBC Code**: Amendments 08-25
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2028

- **SOLAS Ch. II-1**: Emergency towing arrangements for new ships, other than tankers
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DOCUMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO), WHICH ENTER INTO FORCE AFTER 1 JULY 2026

IMO Resolution	Summary of the document / amendments to the document
MSC.566(109) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026	**Instrument:** SOLAS **Related documents:** MSC.1/Circ.1681 Amendment to the IGC Code - paragraph 16.9 - Alternative fuels and technologies - on the possibility to use toxic cargo as fuel if accepted by the Administration. Gas carriers, to which this amendment applies, will be allowed to use toxic cargo as fuel if they are able to demonstrate an equivalent level of safety to using natural gas (methane) carried as cargo as fuel. Special agreement from the ship's flag Administration will be required to permit this from 1 July 2026. The amendments apply to new and, retroactively, to existing 2G/2PG ships which carry cargoes identified as toxic products in the IGC Code and are subject to the IGC Code.
MEPC.398(83) **Date in force:** 01.09.2026	**Instrument:** MARPOL MARPOL Annex VI, regulation 13, permits substantial modifications and therefore re-certification of already installed engines, these amendments to the NOx Technical Code set out the procedure for such a re-certification which has not previously been specified. These amendments also capture instances where an existing engine is to be certified to a Tier to which it was not certified at the time of installation in which case the same procedure is to be followed. This applies to any marine diesel engine with a power output of more than 130kW which undergoes a substantial modification, or is to be certified to a NOx Tier to which it was not certified at the time of certification, therefore requiring re-certification.
MSC.474(102) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027	**Instrument:** SOLAS **Related documents:** MSC.1/Circ.1619, MSC.1/Circ.1175/Rev.1 Amendments to chapter II-1 of SOLAS entered into force on 01 January 2024, with revised requirements to mooring and towing equipment which shall ensure occupational safety and safe mooring of the ship, based on IMO recommendations (MSC.1/Circ.1619 и MSC.1/Circ.1175/Rev.1). The requirements apply to ships of 3.000GT and above contracted for construction on or after 01 January 2024, or with keel laying date on or after 01 July 2024, or delivered on or after 1 January 2027.
MSC.575(110) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027	**Instrument:** SOLAS, IMSBC Code Amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (08-25). Clarification of stowage requirements, amendments to the individual schedules (carriage conditions) of certain bulk cargoes.

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SFV-P/CONF.1 Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 **Date in force:** 24.02.2027	**Instrument:** Cape Town Agreement The 2012 Cape Town Agreement is an internationally-binding instrument that sets minimum requirements on the design, construction, equipment, and inspection of fishing vessels of 24 meters in length and over or equivalent in gross tons. The Agreement includes mandatory international requirements for stability and associated seaworthiness, machinery and electrical installations, life-saving appliances, communications equipment and fire protection, as well as fishing vessel construction. The Agreement has requirements covering the following areas: • Construction, watertight integrity and equipment; • Stability and associated seaworthiness; • Machinery and electrical installations and periodically unattended machinery spaces; • Fire protection, detection, extinction and firefighting; • Protection of crew; • Life-saving appliances and arrangements; • Emergency procedures, musters and drills; • Radiocommunications; • Shipborne navigational equipment and arrangements. Some of the requirements are applicable to existing fishing vessels as well as to new construction.
MEPC.397(83) **Date in force:** 01.03.2027	**Instrument:** MARPOL Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI and the NOx Technical Code on the use of multiple engine operational profiles for a marine diesel engine. The amendments introduce the definition and control of a rational emissions control strategy which aims to ensure that the emissions values at the individual mode points used during engine certification testing are representative of the emissions values during normal operation. Further the amendments require such a rational control strategy to be applied to each engine across the whole of its operating load and speed range therefore ensuring an engine has not been designed to circumvent the intent of the NTC. The amendments to the Code apply to engines with power output of more than 130kW. MEPC confirmed that the amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2027, however, their implementation will be as follows: For new individual or parent engines not previously certified, the new requirements apply from 1 January 2028 based on the date of the EIAPP Certificate.
MSC.458(101) **Date in force:** 01.01.2028	**Instrument:** SOLAS, IGF Code Amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) including loading limit, exhaust systems of internal combustion engines, fire protection. The resolution applies to new ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2024; or in the absence of a building contract, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2024; or the delivery of which is on or after 1 January 2028.

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MSC.549(108) **Date in force:** 01.01.2028	**Instrument:** SOLAS Amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-1 with requirements related to emergency towing arrangements for ships constructed 01.01.2028 or later, other than tankers, of 20,000GT and over.
MSC.567(109) **Date in force:** 01.01.2028	**Instrument:** SOLAS, IGF Code Amendments to the IGF Code – 2028. The amendments apply to cargo ships of 500GT and above and to all passenger ships using low-flashpoint fuels, which are not gas carriers, constructed on or after 1 January 2028. "Constructed on or after 1 January 2028" in this context means: - For which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2028; or - In the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2028; or - The delivery of which is on or after 1 January 2032.
MSC.572(110) **Date in force:** 01.01.2028 Application: new ships	**Instrument:** SOLAS Amendments to Chapters II-2 and V SOLAS. 1. Clarification of applicable materials for superstructures, bulkheads, decks, and deckhouses of passenger and cargo ships with regard to structural fire integrity. 2. New structural and operational requirements for pilot transfer arrangements: pilot ladders, combination transfer arrangements, securing means, handrails, stanchions, and related equipment. The amendments will apply to new pilot transfer arrangements installed on ships constructed on or after 01 January 2028; existing ships shall comply with the new requirements not later than first survey after 01 January 2029, non-SOLAS chapter I ships – after 01 January 2030.
MSC.573(110) **Date in force:** 01.01.2028 Application: new and existing high-speed crafts	**Instrument:** SOLAS Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 1994 New requirements to provide infant lifejackets on passenger high-speed craft, and accessories to put on lifejackets for large-chested persons on all high-speed craft.
MSC.574(110) **Date in force:** 01.01.2028 Application: new and existing high-speed crafts	**Instrument:** SOLAS Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 New requirements to provide infant lifejackets on passenger high-speed craft, and accessories to put on lifejackets for large-chested persons on all high-speed craft.

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MSC.576(110) **Date in force:** 01.01.2028 Application: all ships (new and existing)	**Instrument:** SOLAS **Related documents:** MSC.572(110) Following the adoption of SOLAS Chapter V amendments (resolution MSC.572(110)), performance standards were adopted with detailed requirements for pilot transfer arrangements, defining parameters for pilot and other personnel safety access to decks, safe approach of pilot boats etc.
MEPC.329(76) **Date in force:** 01.07.2029	**Instrument:** MARPOL **Related documents:** MEPC.1/Circ.915 Amendments to Annex I to MARPOL, entered into force on 01.11.2022, related to the ban introduce new Regulation 43A banning – on or after 1 July 2024 - the use and carriage for use in Arctic waters of heavy fuel oils as from 01 July 2024. Ships compliant with MARPOL Annex I Reg. 12A or with Reg. 1.2.1 of the Polar Code shall comply with the ban on or after 1 July 2029. Temporary waivers issued taking into account the IMO Guidelines (циркуляр MEPC.1/Circ.915) by the Administration of the ship's flag State while operating in the Arctic waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of that State, will be applicable until 01 July 2029.

DOCUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES (IACS), WHICH ENTER INTO FORCE AFTER 1 JULY 2026

IACS Resolution	Summary of the document / amendments to the document
PR1A (Rev.12 Dec 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	"Procedure for Transfer of Class" This revision is to have transparency on the condition of the secondary barrier of the ship in accordance with Rev.3 of UI GC 12, in case of transfer of class of the ship.
UI GF19 (Rev.1 June 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents: IGF Code** "Fuel Supply to Consumers – single common flanges" Rev.1 improves the readability of the requirements and clarifies what should be confirmed when single common flanges are used.
UI GF22 (Mar 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** IGF Code "Gas Fuel Vent Pipes – Single walled construction in Machinery spaces" This UI provides interpretation for gas fuel vent piping when applying paragraph 9.6.1 of part A-1 of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), as amended by Resolution MSC.551(108).
UI SC73 (Rev.3 Dec 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents: MSC.550(108)** "Fire protection of weather decks" Revision 3 of UI SC73 provides a unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-2/20.6.3.1 relating to portable fire extinguishers on weather decks used as ro-ro cargo spaces. The UI was revised to remove elements what were clarified by the adoption of SOLAS amendments in resolution MSC.550(108) and to align with the unified interpretation in MSC/Circ.1120.

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UI SC160 (Rev.2 Dec 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** MSC.550(108) "Method IIIC Construction" This UI clarifies the locations to be protected by a fixed fire detection and fire alarm system under Method IIIC construction. It was revised due to amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/7.5.5.3, as adopted by resolution MSC.550(108).
UI SC304 (New Oct 2024) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** Equipment used to conduct noise measurement	**Related documents:** MSC.337(91) "MSC.337(91) Code on noise levels onboard ships - calibration of sound instruments" Calibration of sound level meter and accompanying field calibrator shall be made in a uniform way by laboratories worldwide, documenting that the same instruments continue to satisfy the accuracy requirements of MSC.337(91).
UR E15 (Rev.5 Jan 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** SOLAS "Electrical Services Required to be Operable Under Fire Conditions and Fire-Resistant Cables" In Rev.5 of this Requirement, updates include the definition of 'high fire risk areas', as well as the relevant edition of applicable standards.
UR E18 (Rev.2 Jun 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** ISM Code "Recording of the Type, Location and Maintenance Cycle of Batteries" This revision outlines the ventilation and location requirements for various types of batteries and UPS systems and elaborates on relevant standards for reference within the UR.

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UR P1 (Rev.6 June 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** Ref. to resolution	**Related documents:** IGF Code, IGC Code, SOLAS "Rule for Pipes" The scope of application is updated as follows. The following piping systems are excluded from the scope of the UR except that the requirement of P1.2.4 is applied to said piping systems: .1 Chemical cargo piping systems of ships subject to the IBC Code and shipboard hydrocarbon/chemical process piping system. .2 Gas cargo/fuel and process piping systems of ships, subject to the IGC Code and gas fuel piping systems of ships subject to the IGF Code. .3 Piping systems for other low flashpoint fuels defined in SOLAS II-1/2.29.
UR Z15 (Rev.4 Jan 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** Mobile offshore units (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR Z18.2 "Hull, Structure, Equipment and Machinery Surveys of Mobile Offshore Units" IACS decided that the requirements of UR Z15 could be applied not only to mobile offshore drilling units but also to other units. Necessary changes were made to existing requirements, e. g., deletion of the word "drilling", addition of the term "other similar units".
UR Z17 (Rev.21 Jan 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2026 **Application:** Approval of service suppliers	**Related documents:** MSC.1/Circ.1509/Rev.1 "Procedural Requirements for Service Suppliers" UR Z17 provides the procedural requirements for service suppliers. In this revision, the requirements for firms engaged in measurements of noise level onboard ships have been updated based on MSC.1/Circ.1509/Rev.1.
UI SC180 (Rev.5 Nov 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** MSC.1/Circ.1572/Rev.2 "Hold, ballast and dry space water level detectors and Performance Standards for Water Level Detectors on Ships subject to SOLAS Regulations II-1/25, II-1/25-1 and XII/12 (Resolution MSC.188(79)/Rev.2)" The UI has been aligned with MSC.1/Circ.1572/Rev.2. Modifications have been made to the provisions regarding performance standards.

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UI GC12 (Rev.3 Dec 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Gas carriers with membrane containment systems (new and existing)	**Related documents:** IGC Code "Secondary Barrier Testing and Effectiveness Assessment" The UI provides a description of some specific IGC Code terms and expressions in detail used for the requirements to secondary barrier as a part of membrane cargo containment systems. The context of the requirements is the effectiveness and function of the barrier but also monitoring measures for liquid-tight performance of the barrier.
PR1B (Rev.9 Nov 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	"Procedure for Adding, Assigning, Maintaining or Withdrawing Double or Dual Class" In this revision, Section G specifying the minimum mandatory list of the drawing for the second society's approval was amended to add three popular ship types (bulk carriers, oil/chemical tankers and container ships). Also, procedures were added to address the situation where a delay is faced in obtaining survey status information from the first Society while adding class of a second Society to a vessel classed by First Society and ensure full compliance with the requirements of PR 1A (Transfer of Class) for Dual Class vessels in case the Class of the First Society is withdrawn.
PR42 (Rev.2 Nov 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	"Procedure for Assigning Class for a New Building project when the design is already approved by an Initial Society (Based on the Classification Rules and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Between a Class Society, a Shipyard and, if applicable, a Ship Owner)." In Rev.2, Section B specifying the minimum mandatory list of the drawing for the society's approval was amended to add additional plans required for bulk carriers, oil/chemical tankers and container ships.
UR C6 (Rev.1 Sep 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents: UR C7** "Requirements for Lashing Software" In order to avoid any misinterpretation of the application of UR C6, and in compliance with the IACS view that all seagoing dedicated container ships are to be equipped with an onboard lashing software approved in compliance with the requirements of the UR C6, C6.1.1 is revised from "All seagoing dedicated container ships are to comply with these minimum requirements" to "All seagoing dedicated container ships are to be equipped with an onboard lashing software approved in compliance with these minimum requirements".

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UR E7 (Rev.6 Dec 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents: IEC standards** "Cables" In Rev.6 of this Resolution, substantial amendment to the referenced IEC standards for type approval certification of shipboard electric cables has been reflected.
UR E15 (Rev.6 Dec 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents: IEC standards** "Electrical Services Required to be Operable Under Fire Conditions and Fire-Resistant Cables" In Rev.6 of this Resolution, substantial amendment to the referenced IEC standards for fire resistant type cables has been reflected.
UR E25 (Rev.3 Nov 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents: UR M42** "Failure detection and response of all types of steering control systems" Rev.3 of this UR, the clarification regarding response of steering system upon hydraulic locking due to mechanical failure was deleted from this UR and included in UR M42".
UR F45 (Rev.1 Mar 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents: UR M74** "Installation of BWMS on-board ships" This UR details relevant safety measures for the installation of BWMS on-board ships. This UR comes as a complement to UR M74 and focuses on the fire safety and personnel protection issues. In this revision, Section 6 "Ventilation" was transferred to UR M74. Some amendments were made to Para 2.3.2 regarding the categorization of an engine room used for the storage of chemicals for the ballast water management system. Additional changes were made to paragraphs 2.1 and 2.3.1 to improve the clarity.

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UR I2 (Rev.5 Jun 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Polar class ships (new)	**Related documents:** UR I2 "Structural Requirements for Polar Class Ships" This revision introduces the actual net effective shear area include portion of attached shell plating.
UR M42 (Rev.7 Nov 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** UR E 25 "Steering Gear" In Rev.7 of this UR, the explanation regarding steering system response after hydraulic locking due to mechanical failures, previously contained in UR E 25, has been incorporated into this UR.
UR M44 (Rev.11 Apr 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR M87 "Documents for the Approval of Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" This UR provides requirements for the approval of drawings and specifications for engines and their sub-systems. Revision 11 of this resolution has been restructured to align with the new UR M87, 'Certification Scheme for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines,' and certification requirements previously contained in M44 have now been merged into M87 accordingly.
UR M51 (Rev.5 Apr 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR M87 "Factory Acceptance Test of Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" Revision 5 of this resolution has been restructured and is now associated with the new UR 'Certification Scheme for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines.' The existing UR M51 has been divided to focus specifically on the factory acceptance test on the test bed, while requirements relating to shipboard trials have been relocated to a new UR, designated M88.
UR M53 (Rev.6 Apr 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	"Calculations for I.C. Engine Crankshafts" Amendments to clause 2.2 Calculation of alternating torsional stress to cover some type of engines operating on gases or low-flashpoint fuels.

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UR M67 (Rev.3 Aug 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** UR E10 "Type Testing Procedure for Crankcase Oil Mist Detection and Alarm Equipment" For oil mist detectors intended for engines operating on alternative fuels, two additional type testing purposes have been added in Section 3, i.e. to verify and ensure the long-term compatibility of all materials and to verify the explosion-proof design of the oil mist detector. New section 13 "Verification of material compatibility in corrosive or fouling atmospheres" has been added.
UR M71 (Rev.1 Apr 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR M87 "Type Testing of Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" This UR provides requirements for type testing of reciprocating internal combustion engines. Revision 1 is associated with UR M87, 'Certification Scheme for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines,' is restructured accordingly, and provides clarification of the requirements.
UR M74 (Rev.3 Mar 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR F45 "Ballast Water Management Systems" In Rev.3 of this Resolution, a new section gathering ventilation requirements from UR F45 and UR M74 previous revision is added.
UR M77 (Rev.5 July 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR M87 "Storage and use of SCR reductants" This revision 5 updates the requirements for use of aqueous ammonia or anhydrous ammonia for reductant of SCR. While the MSC 109 decision permits the use of ammonia as fuel, the current wording of items 3 and 4 of UR M77 may be interpreted as being conservative or restrictive towards the use of ammonia as a reductant, potentially limiting the flexibility for ammonia-based SCR systems. Given these developments, it has become necessary to update the requirements in UR M77.3 and M77.4 regarding the use of aqueous ammonia and anhydrous ammonia as SCR reductants.

IACS Resolution	Summary of the document / amendments to the document
UR M78 (Rev.3 Apr 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** IGC Code, IGF Code "Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines fueled by Gases or Low-flashpoint Fuels" The scope of application of UR M78 has been revised in accordance with agreed scope to cover additional gases or low-flashpoint fuels, and now covering methane, ethane, LPG and methyl/ethyl alcohol fuels. The UR has also been amended to clarify the content of the safety concept required to be submitted by the engine designer.
UR M87 (New Apr 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR M28, M44, M71, M72, M51, M88, M78, Z26 "Certification Scheme for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" This UR provides the Engine Certification Scheme based on engine type approval, including the requirements for issuing a type approval certificate, design evaluation certificate, and product certificate for individual engines. It outlines the process for engine certification, intended for shipboard applications such as propulsion, electrical power generation, or other auxiliary purposes.
UR M88 (New Apr 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** UR M51, M87 "Shipboard Trials of Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" This UR is derived from UR M51 and provides requirements for the shipboard tests of reciprocating internal combustion engines to be conducted upon installation on board.
UR S10 (Rev.8 Sep 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** UR S4, S6, W7, W8, W11 "Rudders, sole pieces and rudder horns" The Rev.8 of UR S10 has been prepared to clarify: 1) meaning of deepest load waterline" in the 1st sentence of clause 1.2.3, and 2) descriptions for section areas of rudder horn in clause 9.2.1 & Annex S10.5.
UR W7 (Rev.5 Feb 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** UR M72, UR M68, UR W32 "Hull and machinery steel forgings" Due to feedback from manufacturers indicating that the sampling requirements for ring and disc forgings may cause confusion in understanding, the requirement regarding the sampling position for ring and disc forgings has been clarified. Furthermore, the requirements for Charpy V-notch impact tests have been reconsidered.

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UR W8 (Rev.5 June 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** UR W2, UR W28, UR W32 "Hull and machinery steel forgings" The current of UR W8 has been revised with following changes: - New definitions and clarifications regarding test blocks. - Revised requirements for special consideration of Charpy V-notch acceptance criteria.
UR W9 (Rev.3 Feb 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** UR W2 "Grey iron castings or flake graphite iron castings" This revision seeks to align and harmonise the requirements for specifying the properties of unalloyed and low-alloyed grey cast irons with international standards consistent with industry practice.
UR W10 (Rev.3 Corr.1 Sep 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new)	**Related documents:** UR W2 "Spheroidal graphite iron castings or ductile iron castings" This revision seeks to align and harmonise the requirements for specifying the properties of spheroidal graphite or ductile cast irons with international standards consistent with industry practice. The correction is to correct the references to Figures 1, 2, and 3 provided in Article 6.2.
UR W11 (Rev.10 Sep 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Refer to resolution	**Related documents:** UR W16, UR W28 "Normal and higher strength hull structural steels" The purpose of the revision is to align and harmonise the requirements of high-heat input welding between this UR W11 and UR W16 and UR W28.

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UR W16 (Rev.4 Corr.1 Mar 2026) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Refer to resolution	**Related documents:** UR W11, UR W 28 "High Strength Steels for Welded Structures" The purpose of the fourth revision is to align and harmonise the requirements of high-heat input welding between this UR W11 and UR W16 and UR W28. Corrigenda items concern editorial clarifications in Table 1, Table 2, and other minor editorial items throughout the UR. Table 1 to explicitly indicate the maximum permissible manganese content for steels in the QT delivery condition, and to ensure alignment with the requirements of the new IACS Recommendation (No.196) concerning QT steels with thickness greater than 150 mm.
UR W23 (Rev.3 Sep 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Refer to resolution	**Related documents:** UR W17, UR W 28 "Approval of Welding Consumables for High Strength Steels for Welded Structures" The UR was amended to relocate current requirements for situations involving undermatched welds (concerning grades Y89 and Y96) and direct the user of this IACS Resolution to UR W28 for such cases, as this is considered the more appropriate IACS Resolution for these requirements.
UR W28 (Rev.3 Sep 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Refer to resolution	**Related documents:** UR W11, UR W 16 "Welding procedure qualification tests of steels for hull construction and marine structures" This latest revision of IACS UR W28 addresses issues raised by the marine industry for welding procedure qualification. It also aligns with the latest revisions of other IACS resolutions (UR W11, W16, W23 and W31) and other established national and international standards for welding procedure qualification. This revision also to aligns and harmonises the requirements of high-heat input welding between this UR and UR W11 and UR W16.
UR W35 (Rev.2 Feb 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Firms providing NDT Services on the new construction of ships and offshore structures	**Related documents:** UR Z23 "Requirements for NDT Service Suppliers" This revision addresses issues of Visual Testing (VT) personnel qualification/certification requirement and definition. In para 2.3, a note was added that VT personnel may be exempted from the formal qualification/certification requirements, however, such designated personnel shall undergo internal or external training and competency assessment.

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UR Z11 (Rev.7 Feb 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Oil tankers, chemical tankers, bulk carriers (existing)	**Related documents:** UR Z10.1, Z10.2, Z10.3, Z10.4, Z10.5 "Mandatory Ship Type and Enhanced Survey Programme (ESP) Notations" An update was made to exclude chemical tankers constructed with independent cargo tanks only from ships to which the "ESP" notation shall be assigned.
UR Z17 (Rev.22 Aug 2025) **Date in force:** 01.01.2027 **Application:** Approval of firms providing services	**Related documents:** Rec.180 "Procedural Requirements for Service Suppliers" In Rev.22 of this UR, the requirements for firms carrying out an in-water survey on ships and mobile offshore units by diver or Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) (Section 3) and firms engaged in survey using Remote Inspection Techniques (RIT) as an alternative means for Close-up Survey of the structure of ships and mobile offshore units (Section 16) have been updated.
UI SC308 (Rev.1 Nov 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** SOLAS "Ventilation Systems of Cargo Spaces" This UI serves to interpret the requirements of SOLAS Reg. II-2/5.2.1.1 and IMSBC Code requirements with regard to the permanent availability of mechanical surface ventilation.
UI SC311 (New Feb 2026) **Date in force:** 01.07.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** LSA Code "Manual hoisting-up and turning-out of dedicated rescue boats from their stowed position on cargo ships" This document provides unified interpretations clarifying the permissible arrangements and procedures for manually hoisting-up and turning-out dedicated rescue boats from their stowed position, including the distinction between launching preparation and the launching process under the LSA Code.

IACS Resolution	Summary of the document / amendments to the document
UR H2 (New Jan 2026) **Date in force:** 01.07.2027 **Application:** Ammonia fuelled vessels (new)	**Related documents:** IGC Code "Design, construction and testing of ammonia release mitigation system (ARMS) in ammonia fuelled vessels" This UR provides requirements for the design, construction and testing of ammonia release mitigation system (ARMS). It addresses ammonia fuelled vessels other than ships subject to the IGC Code.
UR M78 (Rev.4 Dec 2025) **Date in force:** 01.07.2027 **Application:** All vessels (new and existing)	**Related documents:** IGC Code, IGF Code "Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines Fuelled by Gases or Low-flashpoint Fuels" The scope of application of UR M78 has been revised in accordance with agreed scope to cover additional gases or low-flashpoint fuels, and now covering ammonia as fuel.

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