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Issue: Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV)

The Norwegian Maritime Directorate

- recalling Agreement of 1 June 2002 between The Ministry of Trade and Industry and Recognized Organizations concerning surveys of ships registered in a Norwegian Ship register including annexes as amended.
- recalling NMD-class instructions – NIS 1998
- recalling Norwegian Passenger and Cargo Ship Legislation, etc. Regulation of 15 September 1992 No. 695, concerning the Construction of Passenger Ships, Cargo Ships and Barges (Construction of ships), Ch. 1, § 2.15 and Ch. 8, § 46
- recalling SOLAS Ch. II-1, part B-1
- recalling IMO Res. A.469

Introduction

The Norwegian Maritime Directorate (NMD) has a wider definition of OSV than some others Administrations and than according to IMO Res. A.469.

This may affect some other types of vessels such as cable layers, construction- and ROV vessels etc. These types of vessels are not primarily engaged in traditional supply services to offshore installations (ref. IMO Res. A.469, 1.2.1.1), but according to Norwegian Legislation, Construction of ships, Ch. 1, § 2.15, these vessels can be defined as a supply vessel if they operate in the close vicinity of oil platforms and other offshore structures in open sea.

Further, we call your attention to the Norwegian Legislation, Construction of ships, Ch. 8, § 46, which makes reference to freeboard matters stipulated in IMO Res. A.469, in particular point 2.1.2

Action to be taken

The implications can be summarised in the following items:

1. NMD requires that cable layers, construction- and ROV vessels etc. comply with the same damage stability requirements as a supply vessel if they are within the definition in Norwegian Legislation, Construction of ships, Ch. 1, § 2.15. This is regardless of the vessels length.
2. In addition, cable layers, construction- and ROV vessels etc. with length of 100 meters and above to which SOLAS applies, has to fulfil SOLAS Ch. II-1, part B-1.

3. All new vessels which is defined as a supply vessel according to Norwegian Legislation, Construction of ships, Ch. 1, § 2.15 has to fulfil point 2.1 in IMO Res. A.469. Attention to this must be made during the examination of the general arrangement in connection with the notification of a new construction and in the initial load line survey.

The Norwegian Legislation, Construction of ships and IMO Res. A.469 are under revision by NMD and IMO. This might lead to some changes with regard to point 1-3 over.