

Inspection/supervision of maritime electrical installations on vessels under construction or reconstruction – Coronavirus disease

The Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection is responsible for inspection/supervision to ensure that the maritime electrical installations on board vessels, complies with the requirements in the Regulation relating to maritime electrical installations. This includes maritime electrical installations on board vessels under construction or reconstruction, both in Norway and abroad.

Due to the situation regarding the Coronavirus disease, the Norwegian Directorate of Civil Protection will have to make changes concerning our inspection/supervision of maritime electrical installations on board vessels under construction or reconstruction.

During the coronavirus disease, the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection's inspection/supervision will be solely upon received documentation such as declaration of conformity with the safety requirements and supporting documentation, as mentioned in the Regulation relating to maritime electrical installations, Sec 6. This means that we will not carry out any inspection/supervision on the site/shipyard. Consequently, our inspection/supervision will not take into consideration any other deviations from the safety requirements in the Regulation relating to maritime electrical installations.

A temporary formal permission to put the installations into operation will be issued based upon documentation as mentioned above. Within the validity of the temporary permission, the ship-owner has to submit a request for inspection/supervision, in accordance with the Regulation relating to maritime electrical installations Sec 48. Such an inspection/supervision will be carried out on board the ship/shipyard.

The Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection has experienced that the documents mentioned above and the actual construction work, not necessarily are in accordance with the safety requirements in the Regulation relating to maritime electrical installations. In addition to this, there may be deviations from the safety requirements, which cannot be detected by control of the submitted documentation. The ship-owner is responsible for any consequences and cost that may occur in order to correct these deviations.

The ship-owner may reduce the risk and consequences of any deviations from the requirements in the Regulation relating to maritime electrical installations, if they use professionals to inspect the construction of the installation, before the responsibility of the ship is transferred from the shipyard to the ship-owner.

Yours sincerely,
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