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Amendments to various regulations

The Norwegian Maritime Directorate has adopted amendments to various regulations as described below. The amendments entered into force 1 April 2000. The amendments aim at reducing the extent of drawings and documentation required to being submitted for approval. Furthermore, the amendments include a relaxation in the requirement of presence of a surveyor from the classification society during testing, measurement and inspection as described below:

- It is no longer required that the classification society shall approve and certify lifts. Inspection, testing and certification are to be performed by a qualified person. Documentation of the inspections carried out must be kept on board.

- Pilot hoists, accommodation ladders and gangways are no longer required to be approved, and the presence of a surveyor from the classification society during tests on board is no longer mandatory. The owner is to ensure that the manufacturer and the fitter inspect and test such equipment.

- On newbuildings, ships being modified and in the case of newly installed navigational aids, the presence of a surveyor from the classification society during functional testing is no longer required. Tests are to be performed by the owner and/or master in co-operation with the manufacturer.

Regulation concerning cargo-handling appliances in ships:
Drawings of cargo-handling appliances are no longer required to be submitted to the classification society for information. However, a copy shall be kept on board. Inspection of the rig record book, certificates and rig drawing before permitting use of cargo-handling appliances following initial or five-yearly examination is no longer required. The same goes for testing and inspection of the safety devices of the cargo-handling gear and marking.

Regulation concerning protection against noise on board ships:
Submission of drawings for the assessment of acoustic insulation and absorption and documentation of the results of noise measurements is no longer required, nor is the presence of a surveyor from the classification society when measurements are made.

In addition the following amendments are made to the **Regulation concerning welding equipment, and will enter into force on 1 July 2000:**
Drawings of central plants need no longer be forwarded to the classification society for approval. A copy of the drawings shall be kept on board. The presence of a surveyor during installation, testing and control of

central plants is no longer required. A surveyor from the classification society need no longer endorse the certificate as previously required in §9.1. A copy of this new regulation is enclosed.

The classification societies should amend their instructions accordingly.

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