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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Doors in Watertight Bulkheads
Reference	Amendments to the IBC Code

Amendments to the IBC Code – Doors in Watertight Bulkheads

The Committee adopted Resolution MSC.526(106) containing amendments to paragraph 2.9.2.1 of the IBC Code relating to watertight doors.

The amendments are intended to address inconsistencies in several IMO instruments concerning doors in watertight bulkheads.

The Convention requires that the final waterline after flooding shall not be above the lower edge of any opening through which progressive down flooding may take place, however in accordance with the amended text, this waterline may exceed the lower edge of:

- 1) remotely operated sliding watertight doors,
- 2) hinged watertight access doors of the quick-acting or single-action type with open/closed indication locally and at the navigation bridge that are normally closed at sea, and
- 3) hinged watertight doors that are permanently closed at sea.

These amendments will enter into force on **1 July 2024** following similar amendments to the Load Lines Convention and MARPOL Annex I.

REFERENCES:

- Amendments to the IBC Code

ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,
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