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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>Tank inspection for Bulk Carriers</b>
Reference	Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code

**Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code - Revised Tank Inspection Requirement for Bulk Carriers**

Based on the findings of recent marine safety investigation, the Committee adopted Resolution MSC.525(106) containing Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code containing amendments to the 2011 ESP Code that are intended to align the requirements for inspections of void spaces bounding cargo holds with the existing requirements for inspections of water ballast tanks. For ships that have undergone a major conversion into a bulk carrier or ships that were originally designed to be a bulk carrier and have been subjected to a major conversion, additional amendments would require such tanks and other spaces to be subject to annual examinations if the tank structure has been subjected to major conversion and where a hard protective coating is found to be in “less than GOOD” condition.

The proposed amendments will apply to bulk carriers of single-side skin construction and double-side skin construction. Several additional clarifying amendments to the 2011 ESP Code were also finalized:

- 1) Clarification that the ESP Code does not apply to oil tankers carrying oil in independent tanks not part of the ship's hull; and
- 2) Clarification of requirement for examination of ballast tanks at annual surveys.

These amendments will enter into force on **1 July 2024**.

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