Guidance for Autonomous Ships

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Present	Amendment	Remark
CHAPTER 2 AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS AND AUTONOMOUS SHIPS	CHAPTER 2 AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS AND AUTONOMOUS SHIPS	
Section 1 (same as the present Rules)	Section 1 (same as the present Rules)	
Section 2 Requirements for Autonomous Systems and Autonomous Ships	Section 2 Requirements for Autonomous Systems and Autonomous Ships	
201. (same as the present Rules)	201. (same as the present Rules)	
202. Basic requirements for autonomous systems	202. Basic requirements for autonomous systems	
Each autonomous system shall perform the functions described in 102. , and the following basic requirements shall be satisfied when performing the functions.		
1 2. (same as the present Rules)	1 2. (same as the present Rules)	
3. Communication systems	3. Communication systems	
 (1) Communication lines are to be have adequate coverage, bandwidth, and reliability to safely control autonomous ships and autonomous systems, and data quality is to be adequate for autonomous levels and functions required under normal and predictable abnormal conditions. (A) – (D) (same as the present Rules) (E) If a failure occurs in the external communication, a backup procedure for transmitting the important data is to be executed. In the event of a failure, automatic switchover between the main communication path and the backup path is to be made, and an alert is to be provided to the operator. Independent communication systems are to be used as the main path and backup path respectively. 	and autonomous systems, and data quality is to be adequate for autonomous levels and functions required under normal and predictable abnormal conditions. (A) – (D) (same as the present Rules) (E) If a failure occurs in the external communication, a backup procedure for transmitting the important data is to be executed. In the event of a failure, automatic switchover between the main communication path and the backup path is to be made, and an alert is to be provided to the operator. Independent communication systems are to be used as the main path and backup path respectively except where autonomous ships and autonomous systems are possible to be safely operated even in the event of a single failure in the communication system(eg. AL1 or AL2 ships).	(Amended) - The requirement has been amended that communication system for autonomous does not consider a single failure of the communication system
(F) \(\same\) as the present Rules\(\rangle\) (2) \(\same\) as the present Rules\(\rangle\)	(F) (same as the present Rules) (2) (same as the present Rules)	for non-mandatory
203. (same as the present Rules)	203. (same as the present Rules)	ships assigned AL1 or
Section 3 (same as the present Rules)	Section 3 (same as the present Rules)	AL2.