

Towing Winch Emergency Release Systems for Tugs

Related Rules/Guidance	Effective date
Pt. 7 Ships of Special Service	- ships contracted for construction on or after 1 July 2021

○ Reason for Amendments

1. IACS UR M79 Rev.1 Towing winch emergency release systems

○ Amendments

1. Winch emergency release systems should be provided on towing winches that are used on towing ships within close quarters, ports or terminals, including those ships normally not intended for towing operation in transverse direction.

○ Impact Analysis

- ✓ Indication of any impact on and/or contribution to safety, security or environmental protection
 - : This amendment is to contribute to safe by providing requirements to prevent the capsize of a tug when in the act of towage as a result of the towline force acting transversely to the tug (in beam direction) as a consequence of an unexpected event.
- ✓ Indication of any impact on net and gross scantlings
 - : N/A