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marine structures —**

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Sanitary drainage-system design**

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Foreword

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ISO 15749 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures*:

- *Part 1: Sanitary drainage-system design*
- *Part 2: Sanitary drainage, drain piping for gravity systems*
- *Part 3: Sanitary drainage, drain piping for vacuum systems*
- *Part 4: Sanitary drainage, sewage disposal pipes*
- *Part 5: Drainage of decks, cargo spaces and swimming pools*

Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures —

Part 1: Sanitary drainage-system design

1 Scope

This part of ISO 15749 is valid, in conjunction with ISO 15749-2 to ISO 15749-4, for planning and designing drainage systems which evacuate wastewater from accommodation and commissary areas (sanitary drainage) on ships and marine structures.

Drainage of weather decks, cargo holds and swimming pools is covered by ISO 15749-5.

This series of standards takes into consideration the basic regulations and minimum requirements concerning hygienic requirements and the protection of the marine environment.

This part of ISO 15749 does not apply to pipe systems carrying oily, chemically contaminated wastewater capable of forming flammable gas/oxygen mixtures.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IMO Publication MARPOL, *Protocol of 1978 relating to the international convention for the prevention of pollution from ships 1973, Annex IV/Regulations for the prevention of pollution by sewage from ships*¹⁾

IMO Publication MEPC.2 (VI), *Recommendation on international effluent standards and guidelines for performance tests for sewage treatment plants, January 1977*¹⁾

IMO Publication MSC/Circ. 648, *Annex Guidelines for the operation, inspection and maintenance of ship sewage systems*¹⁾

IMO Resolution A.753 (18), *Guidelines for the application of plastic pipes on ships*

ISO/R 538, *Conventional signs to be used in the schemes for the installations of pipeline systems in ships*

ISO 727-1, *Fittings made from unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U), chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-C) or acrylonitrile/butadiene/styrene (ABS) with plain sockets for pipes under pressure — Part 1: Metric series*

ISO 1461, *Hot dip galvanized coatings on fabricated iron and steel articles — Specifications and test methods*

1) Published by International Maritime Organization, London.
Available from IMO Secretariat, Publications Section, 101-104 Picadilly, London W1V, United Kingdom.

ISO 1964, *Shipbuilding — Indication of details on the general arrangement plans on ships*

ISO 4067-1, *Technical drawings — Installations — Part 1: Graphical symbols for plumbing, heating, ventilation and ducting*

ISO 4067-2, *Building and civil engineering drawings — Installations — Part 2: Simplified representation of sanitary appliances*

ISO 10628, *Flow diagrams for process plants — General rules*

ISO 14617-3, *Graphical symbols for diagrams — Part 3: Connections and related devices*

ISO 15749-2, *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures — Part 2: Sanitary drainage, drain piping for gravity systems*

ISO 15749-3, *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures — Part 3: Sanitary drainage, drain piping for vacuum systems*

ISO 15749-4, *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures — Part 4: Sanitary drainage, sewage disposal pipes*

ISO 15749-5, *Ships and marine technology — Drainage systems on ships and marine structures — Part 5: Drainage of decks, cargo spaces and swimming pools*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 wastewater

off-running water which has undergone change due to use, as for instance sewage (contaminated water), water from precipitation, seawater and condensation water that has reached the drain lines.

NOTE 1 With this type of wastewater, a distinction is made between grey water and sewage.

NOTE 2 For the classification of wastewater in accordance with origin, see Table 1 in Clause 4.

3.2 grey water

wastewater to be disposed of, excluding sewage

3.3 sewage

wastewater from water closets, urinals and bidets, including additives; medical areas (pharmacy, hospital, etc.) and from washing basins in those areas, bath tubs and water discharges; spaces housing living animals and other types of wastewater, if mixed with contaminated water already mentioned.

NOTE The definition of 'sewage' is in accordance with the definition of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.

3.4 pipes in sanitary drainage systems

3.4.1 drain line

general term for all pipes carrying wastewater (gravity or vacuum system) of the sanitary drainage system leading from the drain to the collector tank or sewage treatment plant

3.4.1.1**connecting line**

⟨gravity system⟩ a short pipe directly linking the drain of the drained unit and the odour seal

3.4.1.2**connecting line**

⟨vacuum system⟩ a short pipe directly linking the drain of the drained unit and the vacuum control valve

3.4.1.3**branch line****3.4.1.3.1****single branch**

⟨gravity system⟩ part of the drain line which connects the odour seal and a line continuing, for instance, to a collecting branch

3.4.1.3.2**single branch**

⟨vacuum system⟩ part of the drain line which connects either a sewage unit with an integrated vacuum mechanism or a vacuum control valve to a line continuing, for instance, to a collecting branch

3.4.1.3.3**collecting branch**

line collecting the wastewater of several single branches and carrying them to a line continuing, for instance, to a gravity delivery line or a manifold

3.4.1.3.4**riser branch**

a single or collective branch leading vertically upwards

NOTE Only in vacuum plants.

3.4.1.4**gravity delivery line**

a vertical line with warpage, if necessary, passing through one or more decks, feeding the wastewater to a manifold

NOTE Only in gravity systems.

3.4.1.5**manifold**

a line into which the wastewater from gravity and branch lines is fed

3.4.1.6**main sewer**

a line into which wastewater from manifolds is fed and carried to a sewage treatment plant or a collector tank

NOTE For vacuum systems, the main sewer may also be configured as a valve manifold.

3.4.1.7**valve manifold**

a short length of pipe closed at both ends with connections for drain lines (e.g. manifolds), including connections for lines to the vacuum generation plant and with pressure gauges and pressure control switches connected, as well as a connection for flushing

NOTE Only in vacuum systems.

3.4.2

vent line

designed to vent the sanitary drainage system without carrying any wastewater

3.4.3

sewage disposal pipe

a pressure pipe in the sanitary drainage system carrying wastewater to disposal points after it has passed through a sewage treatment plant or collector tank

3.5

drain

an opening via which wastewater is caught, collected and discharged into the drainage system

EXAMPLES Floor drain, in the washbasin, in the bathtub and shower basin, in the water closet and urinal.

NOTE In shipbuilding the terms "open inlet" or "opening" are used.

3.6

sewage treatment plant

serves to purify and disinfect the sewage fed into it

3.7

collector tank

a tank for temporary storage of untreated wastewater

3.8

intermediate tank

a tank in which wastewater from drain lines is collected and subsequently fed via a pressure line to a collector tank or sewage treatment plant

3.9

mixing and equalization tank

a tank in front of the wastewater for treatment plant, in which wastewater from drain lines is mixed and equalized to ensure feeding of the wastewater treatment plant without a hydraulic or pollution shock

3.10

holding tank

a tank in which treated wastewater from treatment plants is stored for a limited period of time, while the ship is in areas where drainage is not allowed

3.11

sludge storage tank

tank in which sludge from a sewage treatment plant is stored for subsequent removal to shore or aboard

3.12

vacuum generation plant

a plant for generation of the vacuum required to convey wastewater from the drains through the drain lines

3.13

disposal point

a point where the sewage disposal pipes terminate and the wastewater is passed out of the ship, as for instance an overboard wastewater discharge outlet in the shell or outlets for disposal to an external disposal unit

3.14

closing device

a pipe fitting which prevents water from entering into the ship from outboard

3.15**availability of the plant**

quotient of working period and working period plus breakdown period

3.16**breakdown period**

time during which the plant cannot be used due to repair or maintenance

4 Planning**4.1 General**

Drainage systems shall be designed and built in accordance with the stipulations contained in this part of ISO 15749.

To get a high availability of the plant, the amount of sanitary facilities drained over one line should be limited. The maximum number of branches for each line as given in ISO 15749-3 shall not be exceeded.

4.2 Classification

Classification of wastewater according to origin is given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Classification of wastewater

| Origin | | Type of wastewater |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Sanitary drainage | | |
| Toilet installations | Bidets, water closets, urinals | sewage |
| | Water drains ^a | sewage or grey water |
| Hospital areas | All drainage units (including washing and bathing facilities, and water-drain discharges) | sewage |
| Washrooms and bathrooms | Bathtubs, showers, handbasin, washstands, water drains ^a | grey water or sewage |
| Galleys, pantries | Sinks, washing-up sinks, water drains, domestic appliances | grey water |
| Other spaces | Air conditioning centrals (if condensation water drains on deck), laundries, passageways, provisions refrigerating spaces, swimming pool, whirlpool | grey water |
| ^a Wastewater from water drains immediately adjacent to water closets or urinals is classified as sewage (see 3.3). | | |

4.3 Amount of wastewater

When designing the plants, the minimum amount of wastewater in accordance with Table 2 has to be considered.

Table 2 — Minimum amount of wastewater

| Ship type | Minimum amount of wastewater per person and day in litres | | | |
|---|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | Plant without vacuum | | Plant with vacuum | |
| | Sewage | Black and grey water | Sewage | Black and grey water |
| Passenger ships | 70 | 230 | 25 | 185 |
| Sea-ships excepting passenger-ships | 70 | 180 | 25 | 135 |
| Ships used near the coast can remain under these values on consultation with the responsible authorities. | | | | |
| NOTE The values are recommended. Deviations due to national rules or to classification-society recommendations are to be considered | | | | |

4.4 Properties of wastewater

Drainage systems shall serve exclusively to discharge wastewater as given in 3.1.

If necessary, measures shall be taken to prevent the discharge of other substances as given in 3.1 via the drainage systems. Grinders for other kinds of waste shall not be connected to the wastewater lines.

5 Hygienic and environmental requirements

5.1 Reduction of noise and odour

5.1.1 Noise

The plant shall be designed and built in such way that it produces as little noise as possible and that the transmission of noises does not occur. If necessary, this shall be ensured by measures of acoustic insulation so that permissible sound level limits in rooms are not exceeded.

5.1.2 Odour

The plant shall be designed and built in such a way that there will be no annoyance caused by odour. Necessary ventilation shall be installed in such a way that there will be no annoyance caused by odour.

5.2 Hygienic considerations

5.2.1 Separate line routing

For hygienic reasons, sewage and grey water shall be conveyed separately. Each type of wastewater requires its own system of drain lines.

5.2.2 Discharge into collector tanks

Where wastewater is discharged into collector tanks, the drain lines for sewage and grey water may merge into a common discharge line (main sewer) immediately before reaching the tank.