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Part 4:

Measurement and evaluation of vibration of the ship propulsion machinery

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Foreword

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- Part 2: Measurement of structural vibration
- Part 3: Pre-installation vibration measurement of shipboard equipment
- Part 4: Measurement and evaluation of vibration of the ship propulsion machinery

The following part is planned:

Part 1: General guidelines

Introduction

In general, classification societies ask for a numerical study on the torsional vibration behaviour of the propulsion system for seagoing vessels at the design stage as a base for the design approval. Depending on the results of this study and the kind of plant to be considered, further torsional vibration investigations for verification on a case-by-case study may be required. Explicit criteria for the evaluation of the torsional loadings are given within the rules of the international classification societies as well as in the form of unified requirements (UR) of the International Association of Classification Societies, specifically IACS UR M68, with focus on the torque transmitting parts, such as shafts, gears, couplings, and connections. Studies of the bending vibration behaviour of the shaft as well as axial vibration of the propulsion system or crankshaft may be required by the classification societies in the exceptional case that the special design of the system makes such additional investigations necessary.

Propulsion systems may be exposed to vibration of high magnitude in general excited by the engine and/or propeller. In addition to the numerical criteria for evaluation of torsional vibration, some further special requirements may be raised, such as avoiding load reversal in the transmission train. In general, mechanical components may be perfectly designed for load reversal operation; however, some specific requirements in this direction are also based on smooth operation of the plant, and the owners or managers of special vessels such as navy ships or yachts consequently raise them.

The user of this part of ISO 20283 should bear in mind that for the evaluation of measured data on propulsion plants of ships the rules of the responsible classification society for the vessel in their latest edition or the valid IACS UR should be considered.

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