

MSC Guidelines for Review of Stability for Inspected Oceanographic Research Vessels (U)

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References

- a. 46 CFR Subchapter U, Part 190
 - b. 46 CFR Subchapter S, Part 173, Subpart D
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General Review Guidance

If the vessel's stability is being reviewed under Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) No. 3-97, "Stability Related Review Performed by the American Bureau of Shipping for U.S. Flag Vessels," then MSC review of stability items is not required.

Check that the following items are included in the submittal package:

- General Arrangement, and profiles (with compartmentation)
- Lines plan or model on computer disc (GHS is preferred)
- Hydrostatics or Curves of Form
- Tank Capacity Tables
- Fixed Ballast Plan or Listing (if applicable)
 - Ensure that fixed ballast shown on ballast plan or listing matches fixed ballast used in light ship calculation.
- Load Line draft
- Calculation of light ship values from stability test data

Intact Stability

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- Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 170.170 (Weather Criteria)
 - Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 170.173 (Righting Energy Criteria)
 - Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 171.050 (Passenger Heel Criteria)
 - Location of downflooding points.
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Damage Stability/
Subdivision

Check that the following items are included in the submittal package:

- Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 171.070?
- Calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 171.080?

Towing

If the vessel is equipped for towing, submit calculations demonstrating compliance with 46 CFR 173.095 (towline trip criteria).

Crane/Lifting

If the vessel equipped with a crane, submit calculations showing that the crane heeling moment is less than $(0.67)(W)(GM)(F/B)$ for all probable load conditions (see 46 CFR 173.005(b)).

If the crane heeling moment is greater than $(0.67)(W)(GM)(F/B)$ submit calculations for lifting: 46 CFR 173.005, .007, .010, and .025.

Hull Model

The MSC will generate a hull model from the lines, offsets or provided computer disk using GHS to verify the stability of the vessel.
