

# Advisory Circular

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### PART 24 E CARRIAGE OF CARGOES – OFFSHORE CONTAINERS

#### 1.1 General advice on purpose of advisory circular

Maritime New Zealand advisory circulars are designed to give assistance and explanations about the standards and requirements set out in the rules. However, the notes contained in advisory circulars should not be treated as a substitute for the rules themselves, which are the law.

If advisory circular material advises how a rule requirement can be satisfied then compliance with that advice ensures compliance with the rule. Other methods of complying with the rule may be possible; however Maritime New Zealand would require satisfying that those alternative means of compliance were to an equivalent standard to the advice in the advisory circular. The advisory circular would then be amended to include those equivalents.

This AC 24E supports maritime rules Part 24E.

#### 1.2 Clarification of the definition

Offshore containers are divided into three types:

**a. Offshore freight containers**

Offshore containers built for the transport of goods. Examples of offshore freight containers:

- general cargo containers: closed containers with doors
- cargo basket; open top container for general or special cargo (e.g. pipes, risers)
- tank containers; for the transport of dangerous or non-dangerous fluids
- bulk containers; containers for the transport of solids in bulk
- special containers; containers for the transport of special cargo (e.g. garbage compactors, equipment boxes, bottle racks, cable racks).

**b. Offshore service containers**

Offshore containers built and equipped for a special service task, mainly as temporary installations (e.g. laboratories, workshops, stores, power plants, control stations, wire line equipment).

This equipment will have load carrying and supporting framework.

This equipment if already in service may not be able to meet the requirements of 24E appendix 2 vertical impact test without damage to the equipment. An exemption pursuant to Section 47 of the Maritime Transport Act may be applied for in this case. Supporting documentation as to previous testing may be required.

**c. Waste skips**

Open or closed offshore container used for the storage and removal of waste.

**d. Clarification of the term *repeated use***

For items of equipment that are portable units (e.g. Offshore service containers) used in the offshore industry

*'A portable unit that has been manufactured for the purpose of being a temporary component of an offshore installation and will be taken off that offshore installation and used, or has been*



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