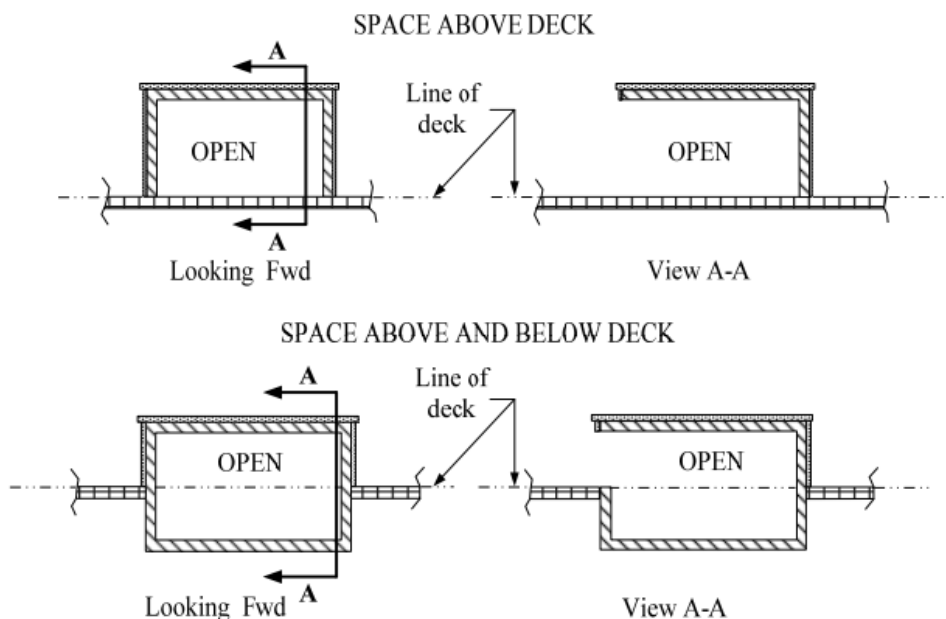


MEASUREMENT ORGANIZATION INFORMATIONAL NOTES - 01/19/2022

OPEN SPACE PROGRESSION The Marine Safety Center (MSC) recently responded to an ACS inquiry regarding whether the provisions of § 69.117(d)(7) of MTN 01-99 CH-10 for a structure entirely open from its aft end may be extended to a deckhouse structure in spite of its opening being located at the forward end of the vessel. Our response (serial C3-2103799, dated January 18, 2022) noted that we consider a structure entirely open on the forward end of a vessel to be eligible for treatment as open to the weather, provided all prescribed requirements under § 69.117(d)(7) of the MTN for structures entirely open from the aft end are met.



DISTINCTIVE NUMBER OR LETTERS During recent oversight activities, the MSC identified errors in completing the Distinctive Number or Letters block on International Tonnage Certificates (1969) and the Vessel Number block on U.S. tonnage certificates. ACSs are reminded that, in accordance with § 2.3(b)(2) and § 3.3(b)(2) of MTN 01-98 CH-13, a distinctive vessel number with the appropriate prefix (i.e., "IMO", "ON", "CG") is required on each certificate and that the order of priority differs between an ITC69 (IMO number, official number, CG number) and U.S. tonnage certificate (official number, IMO number, CG number). Note that for a vessel assigned both an IMO number and an official number, its ITC69 would list the IMO number, while its U.S. certificate would list its official number. ACSs are encouraged to search the Coast Guard's [Port State Information Exchange \(PSIX\)](#) website for such vessel information.

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