

## IMO Updates (adopted by MSC 84)

### **Coating standard for void spaces**

MSC 83 (October 2007) adopted resolution MSC.244(83)

Recommendations for the protective coating system of void spaces – all ships.

The recommendations are similar to , but not as robust as, the mandatory coating standard for ballast tanks.

The void spaces are subject to survey except for non-accessible totally enclosed spaces. It remains to be seen which administrations require void spaces to be coated (the resolution not being mandatory)

A statement of compliance or Type Approval Certificate should be issued by a third party, independent of the coating manufacturer.