

BRIDGE DESIGN AND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT/SYSTEMS JANUARY 2000

NOTICE NO. 3 – July 2012

The following Rule Change becomes **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 JULY 2012**.

(See <http://www.eagle.org> for the consolidated version of the Guide for Bridge Design and Navigational Equipment/Systems 2000, with all Notices and Corrigenda incorporated.)

Notes - The date in the parentheses means the date that the Rule becomes effective for new construction based on the contract date for construction. (See 1-1-4/3.3 of the ABS Rules for Conditions of Classification (Part 1).)

PART B REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTATION NBL (NAVIGATION BRIDGE LAYOUT)

B5 Bridge Arrangement and Working Environment

B5.3 Routes and Working Clearances

(Revise Paragraph B5.3.1, as follows:)

B5.3.1 Across Wheelhouse (1 July 2012)

A clear route across the wheelhouse from bridge wing to bridge wing is to be provided and its width is to be at least 1.2 m (3 ft 11 in.). However, the width may be reduced to not less than 700 mm at any single point of obstruction subject to the following:

- a. There is clear visibility for individuals on either side of the obstruction to see each other as they approach the area of reduced width,
- b. the length of the obstruction along the passageway does not exceed 1 m (39.4 inches),
- c. there is sufficient room on either side of the obstruction to allow one individual to step aside and allow another individual to pass through [i.e., at least 1.2 m (3 ft 11 in.)],
- d. the above actions will not interfere with any crew member at a station required to be continuously manned, and
- e. the attending Surveyor is satisfied that two (2) individuals traveling in opposite directions can pass through the area of reduced width with only a very brief pause by one of the two (2).