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# MPC Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78

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**Regulation 1.1 reads:**

*“For the purposes of the present Annex:*

(1) *New ship means a ship:*

(a) *for which the building contract is placed, or in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction, on or after the date of entry into force of this Annex;  
.....”*

### **Interpretation**

*“A similar stage of construction”* means the stage at which:

- (a) construction identifiable with a specific ship begins; and
- (b) assembly of that ship has commenced comprising at least 50 tonnes or one per cent of the estimated mass of all structural material, whichever is less.

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Note:

1. This UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies from 1 October 2007.

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