

Main Changes

NR526 Lifting Appliances onboard Ships and Offshore Units

The main changes in Bureau Veritas Rule Note NR526 *Lifting Appliances onboard Ships and Offshore Units*, January 2026 edition with respect to the previous edition (September 2025) are as follows.

Rules history

January 2026 edition entry into force on January 1, 2026 Contents	Previous edition: September 2025 entry into force on September 1, 2025 Contents
	Amendments September 2025 to Edition August 2025 [NR526 DT Amdt 00 E September 2025]
NR526 – Lifting Appliances onboard Ships and Offshore Units [NR526.DT R05 E January 2026]	NR526 – Rules for the Certification of Lifting Appliances onboard Ships and Offshore Units [NR526 DT R04 E August 2025]

Chapter 1 – General

Section 1 – Principles

Topic	Description	Reference
Statutory certification	Extension of the scope of this Rule Note to statutory certification as per SOLAS Chapter II-1/3-13	Ch 1, Sec 1, [1.2] and [2.3]
Cargo Gear Register	Renaming of Cargo Gear Register to Register of Lifting Appliances and Cargo Handling Gear	Ch 1, Sec 1, [2], [3] and [4]

Chapter 2 – Design Requirements

Section 4 – Loose Gear and Removable Accessories

Topic	Description	Reference
Sheave axles	Update of the allowable stresses for sheave axles	Ch 2, Sec 4, [3.1.5]
Side plates of blocks	Update of the allowable stresses for side plates of blocks	Ch 2, Sec 4, [3.1.6]
Block head fittings	Update of the requirements for block head fittings	Ch 2, Sec 4, [3.1.7]

Chapter 3 – Special Application

Section 1 – Offshore Cranes

Topic	Description	Reference
Standard EN13852-1	Clarification of the applicable version for this standard	Ch 3, Sec 1, [1.3] and [5.4]

Chapter 5 – Construction, Survey, Testing and Marking

Section 1 – Construction, Survey, Testing and Marking

Topic	Description	Reference
Steel wire ropes	Update of the requirements for inspection and testing of steel wire ropes	Ch 5, Sec 1, [5]
Loose gear	Update of proof loads for loose gear in accordance with MSC.1/Circ. 1663	Ch 5, Sec 1, Tab 1

Appendix 2 – Certification of Materials and Components

Topic	Description	Reference
Main structure of lifting appliances other than lifting platforms	Clarification of the certification requirements for mast and boom supports, and derrick booms Update of the certification requirements for mechanical elements and machinery components	Ch 5, App 2, Tab 1 and Tab 2