

Main Changes

NR670 Methanol and ethanol-fuelled ships

The main changes in Bureau Veritas Rule Note NR670 Methanol and ethanol-fuelled ships, January 2026 edition with respect to the previous edition (July 2025) are as follows.

Rules history

January 2026 edition entry into force on January 1, 2026 Contents	Previous edition: July 2025 entry into force on July 1, 2025 Contents
NR670 - Methanol and ethanol-fuelled ships [NR670 DT R04 January 2026]	NR670 - Methanol and ethanol-fuelled ships [N670 DT R03 July 2025]

IACS Unified Requirements, Unified Interpretations and Recommendations

IACS Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
UI GF 21	New	CO2 fire extinguishing systems in methyl/ethyl alcohol fuelled vessels machinery spaces	Sec 9, [5.1.2]

Other Changes

Topic	Description	Reference
Ethanol as fuel	Creation of additional class notations ethanolfuel and ETHANOLFUEL-PREPARED	Sec 1, Sec 3, Sec 4, Sec 9, and Sec 15
Equipment certification	Addition of a section dedicated to equipment certification	Sec 13
Independent tanks	Survey of tank supports at newbuilding stage	Sec 4, [2.3.2]