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Equivalent Section 1.8.2 USL Code

Where USL Code requirements provide that a particular fitting, material, appliance or apparatus or type thereof, shall be fitted or carried in a vessel, or that any particular provision shall be made, the Authority may allow any other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, to be fitted or carried, or any other provision to be made to that vessel, if it is satisfied by trial thereof, or otherwise, that such fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof of type thereof, or provision, is at least as effective as that required by the uniform requirements.

To ensure that the equivalents meet above requirement it is essential to use only classification society rules, Marine orders from AMSA or International standards like Australian Standards, ANSI, API, NFPA, BS etc.

The scope of the rules or standard should be checked carefully as some of them may specifically mention that they are not applicable to the item which we intend to use for. Also two or more rules or Standards should not be combined to check out the equivalent. For eg. While working out the structural strength per AS 4132.2 or 4132.3 the design loadings shall be as per AS 4132.1 and not as per any classification society rules. However, the designer may use the classification rules for the entire design.

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