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**Ships and marine technology —  
Guardrails for cargo ships**

*Navires et technologie maritime — Garde-corps pour navire de charge*



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## Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 8, *Ships and marine technology*, Subcommittee SC 8, *Ship design*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5480:1979), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated;
- the diameter of the lower rails and the toprails have been changed;
- the size of the stays has been changed;
- technical advice has been added as the second paragraph in [5.4.1](#);
- the guardrails from [Figure 1](#) to [Figure 4](#) have been editorially amended, and guardrails at multipurpose fairlead in [Figure 4](#) have been updated;
- the summation of section modulus has been added as [Annex A](#).

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Cargo ships meeting the requirements of this document are deemed to comply with the regulations of the International Convention on Loadlines, 1966 Annex 1, Chapter II, Regulation 25, Paragraphs 2 and 3, as amended by the Protocol of 1988.

NOTE Users of this document are understood to be aware of any other statutory requirements, rules and regulations that can be applicable to the individual ships concerned.



# Ships and marine technology — Guardrails for cargo ships

## 1 Scope

This document specifies dimensions, materials, quality of manufacture and finish for guardrails and stanchions fitted on exposed freeboard and superstructure decks of cargo ships to prevent personnel falling overboard or to lower decks. It is not applicable to guardrails fitted near compasses.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 65, *Carbon steel tubes suitable for screwing in accordance with ISO 7-1*

ISO 887, *Plain washers for metric bolts, screws and nuts for general purposes — General plan*

ISO 898-1, *Mechanical properties of fasteners made of carbon steel and alloy steel — Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs with specified property classes — Coarse thread and fine pitch thread*

ISO 1461, *Hot dip galvanized coatings on fabricated iron and steel articles — Specifications and test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **guardrail**

construction comprising *stanchions* (3.2), *rails* (3.3), *toprails* (3.4) and *stays* (3.5)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 4](#).

### 3.2

#### **stanchion**

principal vertical structural member of a *guardrail* (3.1) system

### 3.3

#### **rail**

horizontal member between *stanchions* (3.2)

### 3.4

#### **toprail**

uppermost *rail* (3.3) in a series of rails

### 3.5

#### **stay**

secondary structural support attached to *stanchions* (3.2) and deck