

Welding Clause – Safety Regulations

Order regarding certification and special precautions in connection with welding and hot work

In addition to Clause 17-5 of the Nordic Marine Insurance Plan (the Plan), the following safety regulations apply:

Hot work is defined as work involving the use of machinery and equipment that generate sparks and heat which can cause a fire. Hot work comprises the use of open fire, hot air and welding, cutting and/or grinding equipment.

Certification requirement. Persons using machinery and equipment in accordance with the definition of hot work outside of permanent, specially adapted and fire-proof work sites shall have a valid certificate issued by the Norwegian Fire Protection Association or a partner organisation in another Nordic country for the type of work that is to be performed.

The following precautions shall be observed before, during and after the performance of hot work:

- the work site and its immediate surroundings shall be cleared of combustible waste.
- all combustible material at and in the vicinity of the work site shall be removed or protected,
- combustible building parts shall be inspected and protected,
- openings in floors, walls and ceilings shall be sealed,
- approved fire-extinguishing equipment, consisting of at least two 6-kg ABC hand-held extinguishers or a fire hose with a minimum diameter of 3/4 inch with water turned on up to the hose nozzle shall be placed in an easily accessible location at the work site,
- a fire watch shall be present during the work, during breaks and at least one hour after the work has been terminated.

In the event of failure to comply with these safety regulations, the insurer's liability may be reduced or may cease to apply entirely, cf. Clause 3-25 of the Plan.