

The revalidation of welder certificates

■ Summary of main amendments

Related Rules/Guidance	Effective Date
Part 2 of the Rules/the Guidance	1 October 2019 (The date of application for certification of materials and welding or the contract date for ship construction) - Circular -

■ Main amendments

○ Reason

The skills of welders engaged in hull structures are an important issue directly related to the welding quality of hull structures. For this purpose, a revalidation of welder qualification under IACS UR W32 has already been established. However, if a shipyard's own system for managing welders is identified and warranted, self-revalidation may be possible.

○ Amended Items

Revised to allow self-revalidation of welder qualifications if shipyard / manufacturer is found to maintain a quality system in accordance with ISO 3834-2 or equivalent requirements. (Part 2 of the Guidance)

○ Impact analysis

✓ Indication of any impact on and/or contribution to safety, security or environmental protection

: N/A

✓ Indication of any impact on net and gross scantlings

: N/A