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Amended Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships

(Part 1 Classification and Surveys)

(For External opinion inquiry)

April 2020



- Main Amendments -

- (1) Effective date: 1 June 2020 (Date of which the application for survey is submitted)
 - Revised Force Majeure requirements regarding the Pandemic such as Coronavirus Disease(COVID-19)

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Present	Amendments	Reason
Section 9 Suspension/Withdrawal of Class and Reclassification	Section 9 Suspension/Withdrawal of Class and Reclassification	* Based on the request from International
901. Suspension/Reinstatement of class	901. Suspension/Reinstatement of class	Relations
 6. If, due to circumstances reasonably beyond the owner's or the Society's control, the vessel is not in a port where the overdue surveys can be completed at the expiry of the periods allowed, the Society may allow the vessel to sail, in class, directly to an agreed discharge port, and if necessary, hence, in ballast, to an agreed port at which the survey will be completed, provided the Society: exams the ship's records; carries out the due and/or overdue surveys and examination of Conditions of Class at the first port of call when there is an unforeseen inability of the Society to attend the vessel in the present port, and (2020) has satisfied itself that the vessel is in condition to sail for one trip to a discharge port and subsequent ballast voyage to a repair facility if necessary. (Where there is unforeseen inability of the Society to attend the vessel in the present port, the master is to confirm that his ship is in condition to sail to the nearest port of call.) 	 ~ 5. (omitted) Force Majeure (2020) 	Team (By an E-mail)
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⟨newly added⟩	 the following conditions: (2020) (1) approval by the relevant flag state (if applicable) (2) exams the ship's records (3) carries out the due and/or overdue surveys and examination of Conditions of Class at the first port of call with available facilities where Surveyor can reasonably attend to complete. (4) review of evidence provided by the Owner confirming that the vessel is in a satisfactory condition in class for the agreed period of postponement (where the Society may request remote survey or acceptable photo, video or other evidence of condition of structures or equipment) (5) obtain written statement from the Master stating that the vessel is in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Society and is in condition to satisfactorily continue in service for the agreed period. 	

Present	Amendments	Reason
If class has already been automatically suspended in such cases, it may be reinstated subject to the conditions prescribed in this paragraph. Where 'force majeure' means damage to the ship: unforeseen inability of the Society to attend the vessel due to the governmental restrictions on right of access or movement of personnel: unforeseeable delays in port or inability to discharge cargo due to unusually lengthy periods of severe weather, strikes or civil strife; acts of war; or other force majeure. [See Guidance]	If class has already been automatically suspended in such cases, it may be reinstated subject to the conditions prescribed in this paragraph. Where 'force majeure' means damage to the ship: unforeseen inability of the Society to attend the vessel due to the governmental restrictions on right of access or movement of personnel: unforeseeable delays in port or inability to discharge cargo due to unusually lengthy periods of severe weather, strikes or civil strife; acts of war; or other force majeure. (Pandemic such as COVID-19). (2020) (See Guidance)	* Based on the request from International Relations Team (By an E-mail) : revised force majeure requirements related to COVID-19 Pandemic (Refer to deliberation of KR Committee on Survey Technique and LR rules)