

# The revalidation of welder certificates

## ■ Summary of main amendments

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| Related Rules/Guidance | Effective Date   |
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| Part 2 of the Rules    | 1 July 2019 (The application date for approval of materials and welding) |

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### ○ Reason

Welder Qualification holders must renew their qualifications on a 2-year or 3-year basis. This is reflected in IACS UR W32. But it is confirmed that it is increasing the burden on companies with many welders like large shipyards. Therefore, welders who do not require IACS UR W32 hull structural plate welders are required to relax the qualification revalidation.

### ○ Amended Items

Welders who are not engaged in plates welding for hull structural may omit the revalidation of qualifications.

### ○ 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