

Confidentiality Concerning the Promotion of EWS

Amended Rules

Conditions of Service for Classification of Ships and Registration of Installations

Reason for Amendment

IACS established the IACS Early Warning Scheme (EWS) in 1993 to promptly provide each IACS Member and Associate with relevant technical information on serious hull structure and engineering system failures in order to prevent any recurrence. However, up until now, this Scheme has not been widely used due to concerns over the release of confidential information.

In December 2007, for the purpose of encouraging the use of EWS, the IACS Council approved a model text to be incorporated into the Rules of each Society to deal with the confidentiality issues that were hindering any effective implementation of the EWS.

Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with this model text.

Outline of Amendment

The conditions under which technical information on serious failures is to be disclosed to IACS Members and Associates have been specified.