

Notation affixed to the Classification Characters of Ships taking Particular Measures for the Environment

Amended Rules and Guidance

Regulations for the Classification and Registry of Ships
Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships

Reason for Amendment

Currently, in this time of increasing environmental awareness, measures such as the installation of ballast water treatment systems and the maintenance of an “Inventory of Hazardous Materials” for ship recycling purposes, etc. are being more and more widely used. In addition, measures for decreasing noise and vibration are also being taken to improve the working environment of ship crews. This is primarily because of the requirements found in new international conventions expected to take effect in the near future. Many shipbuilders have been voluntarily applying these requirements in advance to ensure that relevant ships of their respective fleets are in full compliance with these conventions when they enter into force. This, in turn, has led to an increasing number of requests from industry for a way of reflecting that these new measures are being employed in the classification characters of a ship.

In order to satisfy these requests, the Society has developed new guidelines as a way to evaluate the efforts being made by concerned industries as well as a way to introduce new notation specifically related to these new measures.

Accordingly, relevant requirements have been amended to allow the affixation of specific notation to the classification characters of ships employing such measures.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Requirements related to the affixation of the notation “*Ballast Water Treatment System*” (abbreviated as *BWTS*) to the classification characters of ships equipped with ballast water treatment systems in accordance with the “Guidelines on the Installation of Ballast Water Treatment Systems” have been specified.
- (2) Requirements related to the affixation of the notation “*Inventory of Hazardous Materials*” (abbreviated as *IHM*) to the classification characters of ships maintaining an Inventory of Hazardous Materials in accordance with the “Guidelines for the Inventory of Hazardous Materials” have been specified.
- (3) Requirements related to the affixation of the notation “*Noise and Vibration Comfort*” (abbreviated as *NVC*) to the classification characters of ships applying the provisions for the noise and vibration in accommodation spaces, etc. contained in the “Noise and Vibration Guideline” have been specified.
- (4) Requirements related to the affixation of the notation “*Mechanical Vibration Awareness*” (abbreviated as *MVA*) to the classification characters of ships applying the provisions for the vibrations of machinery room installations contained in the “Noise and Vibration Guideline” have been specified.