

Validity of Certificates

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B
Rules for High Speed Craft
Rules for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships
Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships

Reason for Amendment

A Special Surveys is required to be carried out for a ship which has been out of service for a long period of time either due to lay-up, modifications or repairs in cases where such ship is scheduled to re-enter service after the expiry date of its classification certificate. In such cases, however, it was not clear in the relevant IACS resolutions whether the validity of any new classification certificate issued was to start from the expiry date of previous certificate or from the completion date of the Special Survey.

In order to resolve this issue, IACS held discussions to clarify requirements related to the hull surveys of ships in service found in both the IACS Unified Requirement (UR) Z7 and Z10 Series. More specifically, IACS discussed the validity of a new classification certificate issued during such surveys. As a result of these discussions, both series were revised in January 2014 as follows:

- (1) Where an overdue Special Survey is carried out, the validity of any new classification certificate issued is to start from the expiry date of the previous certificate.
- (2) Where the next due Special Survey is carried out, the validity of any new classification certificate issued is to start from the date of completion of the Special Survey.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with IACS URs Z7(Rev.21), Z7.1(Rev.10), Z7.2(Rev.5), Z10.1(Rev.21), Z10.2(Rev.31), Z10.3(Rev.16), Z10.4(Rev.12) and Z10.5(Rev.14).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Amended survey requirements related to surveys required for laid-up ships re-entering service after being out of service for long periods of time in cases where the survey required to be carried out is a Special Survey.
- (2) Specified the validity of Classification Certificates issued for ships re-entering service after being out of service for long periods of time due to lay-up, modifications or repairs.