

# **Approval of Service Suppliers**

## **Amended Rules and Guidance**

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## **Reason for Amendment**

IACS UR Z17 specifies requirements related to the approval of various service suppliers, such as those engaged in thickness measurements on ships or those engaged in in-water survey of ships, for the purpose of verifying that they have the competence necessary to provide the service in question. ClassNK has already incorporated these requirements into its Rules.

Although this UR specified requirements related to the quality systems and qualifications of technicians, etc. of service suppliers based upon the type of service to be provided, it was not clear whether all service suppliers, including those whose approval is not required under international conventions, also needed to be approved. IACS, therefore, reviewed the UR to clarify whether qualification regarding the approval of service suppliers was required.

As a result of this review, IACS adopted UR Z17(Rev.10) in January 2015 which clarifies whether such service supplier approval is necessary and also specifies more detailed requirements based upon the type of service being provided. In addition, requirements related to service suppliers engaged in onboard noise level measurements are specified to reflect recent changes made to relevant international conventions, etc.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended based upon UR Z17(Rev.10).

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) Amended requirements related to service supplier approval to clarify whether said approval is necessary.
- (2) Amended requirements which are based upon the types of services being provided by service suppliers.
- (3) Added requirements related to service suppliers who will require Society approval due to recent changes made to UR Z17.