

Approval of Firms Engaged in Thickness Measurements on Ships and Firms Carrying Out In-water Surveys of Ships

Amended Rules

Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers

Reason for Amendment

IACS UR Z17 specifies requirements related to the approval of firms in order to verify that they have the competence necessary to provide the service in question. ClassNK has already incorporated the requirements of this UR into its Rules.

In the requirements for the approval of firms engaged in thickness measurements on ships, the necessary qualifications required for operators and supervisors engaging in the service are specified; some inconsistency, however, exists in requirements related to the equivalency of operator and supervisor qualifications issued in accordance with different international and national industrial standards. Hence, relevant requirements were amended based upon this UR.

In addition, even though ClassNK specifies requirements related to the number of operators and supervisors in firms engaged in thickness measurements on ships and firms carrying out in-water surveys of ships, there are no such requirements in the UR. Hence, all relevant requirements were amended so that they were consistent with similar requirements for other firms, such as firms engaged in servicing and testing of radio communication equipment or firms engaged in services of firefighting equipment and systems, etc., specified in its Rules.

Outline of Amendment

The main contents of this amendment are as follows:

- (1) Amended requirements related to the qualification of operators and supervisors of firms engaged in thickness measurements on ships.
- (2) Deleted requirements related to the number of operators and supervisors of firms engaged in thickness measurements on ships and firms carrying out in-water surveys of ships.

Amended Requirements

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Part 3: 2.3.1, 3.3.1