

Submission of Plans and Documents for Classification Surveys During Construction

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B
Rules for the Survey and Construction of Passenger Ships
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Reason for Amendment

The current ClassNK Rules specify that ships engaged on international voyages are required to maintain a Ship Construction File, whose content is based upon IACS Unified Requirement Z23 related to the hull surveys for new construction, on board.

Ship Construction File containing documentation regarding a ship's construction is considered important for a ship in service because not only it can help facilitate periodical maintenance, it can also help the ship promptly and properly respond to emergency situations. Similarly, ClassNK considers that it is desirable, from the perspective of a classification society, to also have copies of the documentation contained in such Ship Construction File on hand so that it is able to respond promptly in emergency situations or to provide assistance during periodical maintenance, as needed.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended based upon the above.

Outline of Amendment

Specified ships which are required to maintain a Ship Construction File on board are also required to submit copies of the documents contained in the Ship Construction File to the Society.