

# **Affixation of Notation “M0” to Classification Characters of Main Propulsion Machinery**

## **Amended Rules and Guidance**

Regulations for the Classification and Registry of Ships  
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part D

## **Reason for Amendment**

Ships equipped with monitoring and control systems for periodically unattended machinery spaces that comply with and are maintained in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 4 of the “Rules for Automatic and Remote Control Systems” can register to have the installation characters “M0” added to their Installations Register and all relevant Installation Certificates. Such ships are commonly referred to as “M0-ships”. Although such notation was only originally intended to be used in such a way, special provisions were established which permitted the notation “M0” to also be affixed the classification characters of main propulsion machinery on Classification Certificates in response to requests received from shipowners of M0-ships for a means that would allow Flag State Administrations, etc. to more easily identify that such ships comply with requirements for unmanned machinery spaces.

In 2019, however, relevant NK requirements were amended so as to incorporate Installation Certificates into Classification Certificates. Therefore, in order to avoid future confusion, requirements related to the affixation of the notation “M0” to the classification characters of main propulsion machinery were being deleted at this time.

In addition, with recent developments in digital technology, there are concerns about the possibility of counterfeiting official certificates such as Certificates of Classification, etc. when examples of the formats of such certificates are readily available in the ClassNK Rules, etc. Such example forms, therefore, were deleted from the Rules and provisions related to the specific items that are required to be included on such certificates were added in their stead.

## **Outline of Amendment**

- (1) Deleted provisions related to the affixation of the notation “M0” to the classification characters of main propulsion machinery.
- (2) Deleted examples of the formats of Certificates of Classification and Provisional Certificates of Classification, and add provisions to specify the items to be included on such certificates in their stead.

## **Amended Requirements**

Regulations for the Classification and Registry of Ships: 2.1.4, 4.1.2, 4.2(deleted)  
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships  
Part D: Annex D1.1.3 1.1.2-4