

Subject:

Amendment of REGULATIONS FOR
THE CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRY OF SHIPS

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To shipowners, shipbuilders and
other organizations concerned

Please be guided that the "REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRY OF SHIPS" was amended by this Society as attached hereto and will come into force on 1 January 1992.

This amendment has been made in the light of such circumstances surrounding Classification Societies that the maritime community are prompting Classification Societies to promote safety of ships and environmental protection giving a broader consideration to the matter rather than to the traditional one limited to such hardware as hull construction, machinery and electrical installations.

In the new Regulations to be accepted by the members of the maritime community, "classification" in the traditional sense of the word will be registered as before, and the other items in the new consideration will be registered as being "installations". Classification is a prerequisite, and its condition consists of hull construction, hull equipments, machinery, fire protection, means of escape, fire extinction, electrical installations, stability and load line. On the other hand, registry of installations, being at a shipowner's option, involves cargo refrigerating installations, cargo handling appliances, marine pollution prevention installations, safety equipments, radio installations, automatic and remote control systems, diving systems and so forth.

In view of certain requests that Classification Societies should extend the scope further to the matter of maneuvering characteristics, software for ship operation and assessments on ship management practices, this Society is preparing to deal with these concerns.



As the requirements for registry of classification and installations include those stipulated by relevant international conventions, statutory certificates may be issued by this Society on behalf of flag states at the request of ship-owners in immediate consequence of successful registry of classification and installations.

Positive application of the new registry scheme aimed at both classification and installations will make it easier to cope with any demands made by maritime administrations, and will facilitate safety assessment on an entire ship for the sake of shipowners.

Further information such as the guidance and the procedure for application will be sent to you later.

Attachment : REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRY OF SHIPS (AMENDMENT)