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# **RULES FOR THE SURVEY AND CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL SHIPS**

**Part A**

**General Rules**

**RULES**

**2022 AMENDMENT NO.3**

Rule No.89      27 December 2022

Resolved by Technical Committee on 27 July 2022

An asterisk (\*) after the title of a requirement indicates that there is also relevant information in the corresponding Guidance.

“Rules for the survey and construction of steel ships” has been partly amended as follows:

## **Part A GENERAL RULES**

### **Amendment 3-1**

## **Chapter 1 GENERAL**

### **1.2 Class Notations**

#### **1.2.4 Hull Construction and Equipment, etc.\***

Sub-paragraph -24 has been amended as follows.

**24** For ships equipped for the carriage of lumber in accordance with related provisions of **14.8.3.1, Part 1, Part C; 2.3.2.3-12, Part 1, Part C; 10.4, Part 2-5, Part C;** and **Part U**, the notation of “*Equipped for Carriage of Lumber*” (abbreviated to *EQ C LB*) is affixed to the Classification Characters.

## EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION (Amendment 3-1)

1. The effective date of the amendments is 1 January 2023.
2. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Rules, the current requirements apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction\* is before the effective date.
3. For ships subject to Part C of the Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships prior to its comprehensive revision by Notice No.47 on 1 July 2022 (herein after referred to as “old Part C of the Guidance”), and which the date of contract for construction\* is on and after the effective date, this amendment also applies to following requirements.

C4.2.3-3, old Part C of the Guidance

C1.1.3-1.(3)(j), old Part C of the Guidance

- \* “contract for construction” is defined in the latest version of IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No.29.

### IACS PR No.29 (Rev.0, July 2009)

1. The date of “contract for construction” of a vessel is the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. This date and the construction numbers (i.e. hull numbers) of all the vessels included in the contract are to be declared to the classification society by the party applying for the assignment of class to a newbuilding.
2. The date of “contract for construction” of a series of vessels, including specified optional vessels for which the option is ultimately exercised, is the date on which the contract to build the series is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder.  
For the purpose of this Procedural Requirement, vessels built under a single contract for construction are considered a “series of vessels” if they are built to the same approved plans for classification purposes. However, vessels within a series may have design alterations from the original design provided:
  - (1) such alterations do not affect matters related to classification, or
  - (2) If the alterations are subject to classification requirements, these alterations are to comply with the classification requirements in effect on the date on which the alterations are contracted between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder or, in the absence of the alteration contract, comply with the classification requirements in effect on the date on which the alterations are submitted to the Society for approval.The optional vessels will be considered part of the same series of vessels if the option is exercised not later than 1 year after the contract to build the series was signed.
3. If a contract for construction is later amended to include additional vessels or additional options, the date of “contract for construction” for such vessels is the date on which the amendment to the contract, is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. The amendment to the contract is to be considered as a “new contract” to which 1. and 2. above apply.
4. If a contract for construction is amended to change the ship type, the date of “contract for construction” of this modified vessel, or vessels, is the date on which revised contract or new contract is signed between the Owner, or Owners, and the shipbuilder.

Note:

This Procedural Requirement applies from 1 July 2009.

## Chapter 1 GENERAL

### 1.2 Class Notations

#### 1.2.4 Hull Construction and Equipment, etc.\*

Sub-paragraph -34 has been renumbered to Sub-paragraph -35, and Sub-paragraph -34 has been added as follows.

**34** The notation “*LiBattery*” (abbreviated to *LiB*) is to be affixed to the Classification Characters of ships complying with **2.11.1-2, Chapter 2, Part H.**

**345** Unless otherwise specified above, for ships deemed necessary by the Society, an appropriate notation may be affixed to the Classification Characters.

### EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION (Amendment 3-2)

1. The effective date of the amendments is 1 January 2023.
2. Notwithstanding the amendments to the Rules, the current requirements apply to ships for which the date of contract for construction\* is before the effective date.
3. Notwithstanding the provision of preceding 2., the amendments to the Rules may apply to the surveys for which the application is submitted to the Society before the effective date upon request by the owner.

\* “contract for construction” is defined in the latest version of IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No.29.

#### IACS PR No.29 (Rev.0, July 2009)

1. The date of “contract for construction” of a vessel is the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. This date and the construction numbers (i.e. hull numbers) of all the vessels included in the contract are to be declared to the classification society by the party applying for the assignment of class to a newbuilding.
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3. If a contract for construction is later amended to include additional vessels or additional options, the date of “contract for construction” for such vessels is the date on which the amendment to the contract, is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. The amendment to the contract is to be considered as a “new contract” to which 1. and 2. above apply.
4. If a contract for construction is amended to change the ship type, the date of “contract for construction” of this modified vessel, or vessels, is the date on which revised contract or new contract is signed between the Owner, or Owners, and the shipbuilder.

Note:

This Procedural Requirement applies from 1 July 2009.