

Establishment of the “Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships” (Regulations/Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships)

Amended Rules and Guidance

Regulations for the Classification and Registry of Ships
Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships

Reason for Amendment

Transportation via inland waterways such as rivers, etc. has always been used as one of the methods of cargo transportation in inland areas. In recent years, concerns about the impact that the transportation of goods has upon the environment have increased interest in the use of such inland waterways in that it enables to ship large quantities of cargo with low monetary and environmental costs involved.

Attention has been especially focused on South America not only because of its rich natural resources, but also because of the remarkable economic growth and technical advances it has experienced in recent years. Rapid increases in the quantities of agricultural products and mineral resources, etc. being transported from inland areas have led to more and more cargo being shipped by water. This shift away from land-based transport is anticipated to lead to the increase in demand for not only river barges, but also their associated tugs and pushers.

In consideration of these circumstances, ClassNK developed its “Rules and Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships” in order to establish specific requirements for barges, tugs and pushers which navigate in inland waterways.

Accordingly, the “Regulations and Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships” were amended to take into account the establishment of the above-mentioned new Rules and Guidance.

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Added the “Rules for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships” to the “Regulations and Guidance for the Classification and Registry of Ships” as the Rules for classification.
- (2) Amended the term of validity of classification certificates so that it is six years for ships subject to the Rules for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships.