Replacement of the Term "Recommendation"

Amended Rules and Guidance

Conditions of Service for Classification of Ships and Registration of Installations
Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships Part B
Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems
Guidance for Cargo Handling Appliances
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships

Reason for Amendment

Flag states and Port State Control had expressed concern over an inconsistency among IACS member societies related to the usage of the terms "Recommendation" or "Condition" in their respective classification rules due to the fact that which term to use in which situation is left up to each member society to determine. This is confusing since both terms are often intended to be read and used interchangeably to express that some required action is to be completed in order to maintain class, i.e. requirements to the effect that specific measures, repairs, surveys are to be carried out within a specific time limit.

The term "Recommendation", however, may be misinterpreted to mean that some required action is only being suggested and is not mandatory. Therefore, the usage of the term is being deprecated and relevant IACS resolutions amend accordingly so as to prevent any potential misunderstandings and also to ensure that all IACS members are using the same terminology.

Outline of Amendment

In line with the above-mentioned amendments to IACS resolutions, the term "Recommendation" in NK Rules were replaced with the term "Condition".

Amended Requirements

Conditions of Service for Classification of Ships and Registration of Installations
2.4.1
Rules for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
Part B: 1.4.4
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Steel Ships
PartB: B1.1.5
Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems
Appendix 1: 7.1.7
Guidance for Cargo Handling Appliances
2.2.4
Guidance for the Survey and Construction of Inland Waterway Ships
Part 2: 1.1.5