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Harmonisation of terms of conditions for class/statutory issues- By Mr. Vijay Arora, IACS General Policy Group Chairman



Mr. Vijay Arora, IACS General Policy Group Chairman

International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) provides clarity on the use of different terms for the same class requirements. In 2019, IACS took important steps to clarify the terminology its Members use in relation to classification requirements to maintain class.

The ship will continue to be classed with its classification society so long as it is found- on examination at the prescribed annual and periodical surveys - to be maintained in a fit and efficient condition and in accordance with the periodical survey requirements of the rules of its classification society.

When a surveyor identifies corrosion, structural defects or damage to hull, machinery and/or piece of equipment which, based on the classification society's rules and in the opinion of the surveyor, affects the ship's class, remedial measures and/or appropriate recommendations/conditions of class are specified in order to retain class.

Confusion of different terms:

'Recommendation' and 'Condition of class' are different terms used by IACS Members for the same requirements that

specify measures, repairs, request for surveys and so on are to be carried out within a specified time limit in order to retain class. Timeframes are required to be assigned for such actions and it is a requirement of class that such defined actions take place within those timeframes else action will be initiated to suspend or cancel class.

With IACS Members using different terms for the same requirements, the continued use of the two terms was viewed as misleading. From an English language perspective it is incorrect to call an action a 'Recommendation' when the action to be taken is in reality mandatory and required to maintain class. From a language point of view, 'Condition' is viewed as an instruction, whilst a 'Recommendation' is considered as more voluntary.

While those with in-depth knowledge of IACS Resolutions have a clear understanding of the different meanings, others in the industry still use common and general interpretations of the words 'Condition' and 'recommendation' and there continues to be confusion regarding the fact that 'Recommendation' means mandatory actions.

To deliver clarity, IACS agreed to submit an explanatory paper to International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) inviting comment from Member States. IACS informed IMO about the common meaning of the two terms 'Condition of Class' and 'Recommendation' through submission III 5/INF.27 Clarification of the terms "Recommendation" and "Condition of Class" in the Rules of Classification Societies to III fifth session (III 5). The outcome of discussions at III 5 indicated that IMO Member States had a preference for the terminology 'Condition of Class' for all mandatory class matters.

Taking into account concerns from the industry and also the outcome

of III 5, IACS concluded that the maintaining the status quo on the use of these definitions was no longer suitable. Subsequently, IACS Members initiated an exercise to agree and use common and consistent terminology across the membership with the output of producing a brief, succinct document explaining what the terminology means for the benefit of industry. During 2019, IACS agreed

a policy decision on the use of common terminology with respect to 'Condition of Class' determining that it should only be used for terms related to class matters in line with the outcome of III 5. In addition, IACS concluded to apply the policy to the statutory matters, not only class matters. Further,

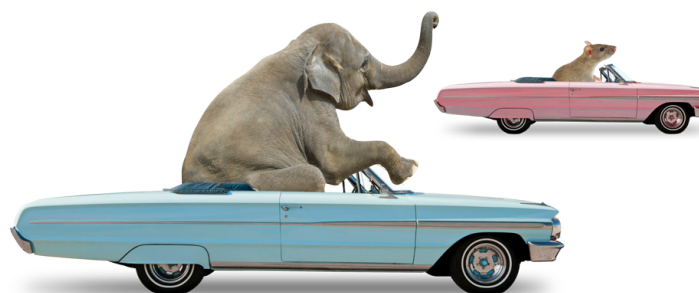
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LNG Vessel Completes 10,000th Neopanamax Transit at the Panama Canal



(Source: The Panama Canal Authority) The two historic milestones this week - our 10,000th Neopanamax transit and 106th anniversary ...reiterate that the Panama Canal is not only a trusted and reliable service, but also one committed to continued competitiveness and growth: Panama Canal Administrator Ricaurte Vasquez

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The Panama Canal welcomed the 10,000th Neopanamax vessel through the Expanded Canal on Monday 10 August 2020, marking a new milestone for the nearly 106-year waterway and its growing liquefied natural gas (LNG) segment.

The milestone transit was completed by LNG vessel SK Resolute

The milestone transit was completed by LNG vessel SK Resolute travelling southbound from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Constructed in 2018,

the vessel has a cargo capacity of 180,000 m3 and measures 292 meters in length and 47.8 meters in beam

Two historic milestones this week demonstrate Panama Canal a trusted and reliable service

"The two historic milestones this week - our 10,000th Neopanamax transit and 106th anniversary - are symbolic. Together, they reiterate that the Panama Canal is not only a trusted and reliable service, but also one committed to continued competitiveness and growth," said Panama Canal Administrator Ricaurte Vasquez.

Harmonisation of terms of conditions for class

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the term 'Recommendation' was removed from all relevant IACS Resolutions and Recommendations. The implementation date of these revised IACS Resolutions is 1 July 2020 and the revised IACS Resolutions and Recommendations are available on the IACS website.

Prior to the implementation date of 1 July 2020, 'Recommendations' and 'Condition of class/Statutory condition' are to be read as different terms

used by classification societies for the same thing, that is requirements that specific measures, repairs, surveys and so on are to be carried out within a specific time limit in order to retain classification. Further, IACS will submit a paper to III 7 in July on the relevant actions taken by IACS in respect of the use of the term 'Condition of class/Statutory condition' rather than 'Recommendation' in IACS Resolutions and Recommendations.

Iran, Russia to launch container shipping line in Caspian Sea

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Iran and Russia have agreed to launch a container shipping line in the Caspian Sea by September to expand mutual trade, Tehran Times daily reported on Wednesday 12 August 2020.

The launch in accordance with the two countries' cooperation for the activation of the International North-South Transport Corridor

The launch of the shipping line is in accordance with the two countries' cooperation for the activation of the International North-South Transport Corridor, Jalil Jalalifar, a member of Iran-Russia Joint Chamber of Commerce, said on Wednesday.



The new shipping route will include cargo ships equipped with refrigerated containers

Two container ships will begin carrying goods between Russia's port of Astrakhan and the Iranian port of Bandar Anzali, Jalalifar was quoted as saying.

The new shipping route will include cargo ships equipped with refrigerated containers, he noted.



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