Technical Information

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To : All BKI Clients and BKI Surveyors

Subject : Issuance of Amendments to Classification Rules:
- NE January 2027 Rules for Classification and Surveys (Pt.1, Vol.I);
- NE January 2027 Rules for Hull (Pt.1, Vol.II);
- NE January 2027 Rules for Machinery Installations (Pt.1, Vol.III);
- NE January 2027 Rules for Electrical Installations (Pt.1, Vol.IV);
- NE January 2027 Rules for Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (Pt.1, Vol.IX);
- NE January 2027 Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers (Pt.1, Vol.XI).

Summary:

1. This Technical Information is issued to inform all concerned parties of the issuance of the Classification Rules approved at the Technical Committee meeting held on 7 October 2026 in Surabaya.
2. A total of six (6) Rules were approved by the Technical Committee. The amendments to these Rules are mainly derived from IACS Resolutions, IMO Resolutions, feedback obtained from classification services, and other relevant sources.
3. For the list of amendments, including the effective dates of the Rules, please refer to the attached Summary of Rules Changes.

Information:

1. The aforementioned editions of the Classification Rules are now available on the BKI website (www.bki.co.id) under the menu "Research & Development – BKI Rules and Regulations".
2. This Technical Information is also available on the One Gate System (OGS) at https://ogs.bki.co.id/ and is intended for internal use only.

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SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES

NE January 2027 Rules for Classification and Surveys (Pt.1, Vol.I)

The January 2027 Edition of the Rules for Classification and Surveys introduces amendments to correct internal references and improve the clarity and consistency of the Rules, require the review of Cargo Containment System (CCS) test records during the Transfer of Class for gas carriers fitted with membrane systems in accordance with IACS PR 1A Rev.12 and UI GC12, extend water ingress detection system survey requirements to single-hold and multiple-hold cargo ships in line with IMO Resolution A.1207(34), and update the reference for enclosed space entry safety from IMO Resolution A.1050(27) to MSC.581(110).

NE January 2027 Rules for Hull (Pt.1, Vol.II)

The January 2027 Edition of the Rules for Hull (Pt.1, Vol.II) introduces amendments covering corrections to plate thickness calculation formulas, clarification of watertight integrity requirements for side shell doors, limitation of small hatch strengthening requirements to seagoing ships of 80 m or more in length, clarification of scupper and discharge arrangements. These amendments are based on internal technical reviews and alignment with IACS UR S9 Rev.6, IACS UR S26 Rev.5, IACS UI LL21, and IMO Resolution MSC.491(104), aiming to eliminate regulatory ambiguities, correct technical inconsistencies, and prevent excessive structural requirements. The amendments impact hull structural design, watertight integrity, hatch reinforcement, and technical plan approval, with implementation effective from 1 January 2027, generally applying to ships contracted for construction on or after that date, unless otherwise specified.

NE January 2027 Rules for Machinery Installations (Pt.1, Vol.III)

The Rules for Machinery Installations (Pt.1, Vol.III) January 2027 edition is to incorporate new amendments related to NOx certification for ships subject to MARPOL Annex VI in Section 2.Q in accordance with IMO MEPC.398(83), also to include the certification of existing engine that have undergone substantial modification or are to be certified to a NOx emission Tier different from that originally certified at the time of installations. In addition, this edition incorporates several minor amendments, including editorial corrections, clarification of existing requirements, updates to references, and other corrections intended to improve the consistency and readability of the Rules.

NE January 2027 Rules for Electrical Installations (Pt.1, Vol.IV)

The Rules for Electrical Installations (Pt.1, Vol.IV) January 2027 Edition incorporates amendments to steering gear systems in Section 7. A.6.13.1 related to steering systems response upon failure based on IACS UR E25 Rev.3; Medium-voltage installations in Section 8. D.6.1.1 which update the publication date of IEC standard according to IACS UR E15 Rev.6; Fire detection and alarm systems related to isolator module for fire detector system in Section 9. D.3.1.27 in accordance with IMO MSC.484(103); Electrical cables related to reference update according to FSS Code Chapter 9 and IACS UI SC180 Rev.5; and Water ingress detection arrangements for cargo ships. In addition, several editorial corrections and reference updates have been introduced to improve the clarity, consistency, and application of the Rules.

NE January 2027 Rules for Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (Pt.1, Vol.IX)

The January 2027 Edition of the Rules for Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk incorporates amendments to Section 4 – Cargo Containment in accordance with IACS UI GC 12 (Rev.3, Dec.2025), clarifying the interpretation of secondary liquid-tight barriers, envisaged cargo leakage, periodic effectiveness verification, and acceptable inspection and testing methods. The amendments also clarify the authority of recognized organizations to approve verification procedures, aiming to enhance the safety and reliability of cargo containment systems.

NE January 2027 Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers (Pt.1, Vol.XI)

The January 2027 edition of the Rules for Approval of Manufacturers and Service Suppliers (Pt.1, Vol.XI) includes amendments to Section 3 and Annex A. The amendments are intended to accommodate industry needs and enhance BKI services related to Ultrasonic Thickness Measurement (UTM) on floating Single Point Mooring (SPM) systems, as the approval requirements for service suppliers performing such activities are not yet specifically addressed in the applicable BKI Rules. These requirements cover qualifications, reporting demonstrations, operators, supervisors, and other related aspects. In addition, the amendments align the clustering of floating offshore structures with the relevant BKI Rules Part 5 – Offshore Technology and the definitions in IACS UR Z17.