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Unified use of the term "condition of class" in the rules of classification societies

Submitted by IACS

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document informs the Sub-Committee of the decision by IACS on the use the term "condition of class" for all mandatory classification matters which must be attended with respect to the condition of the ship and the term "recommendation" used for same purpose was removed

Strategic direction, if applicable: 6

Output: 6.1

Action to be taken: Paragraph 4

Related documents: III 5/15 (paragraph 14.17), III 5/INF.27 and resolutions MSC.349(92) and MEPC.237(65) (RO Code, paragraph 3.9.2.1.4 of part 2)

Introduction

1 In document III 5/INF.27, IACS informed the Sub-Committee of the definitions and management of "recommendations" or "conditions of class" in the rules of classification societies. In particular, IACS provided the clarification that "recommendations" and "conditions of class" are to be read as being different terms used by classification societies for the same required action to be completed in order to maintain classification, i.e. requirements to the effect that specific measures, repairs, surveys are to be carried out within a specific time limit.

2 Having recognized that the matter remained under the responsibility of classification societies, the Sub-Committee encouraged IACS to consider the use of the term "condition of class" for all mandatory classification matters which must be attended with respect to the condition of the ship and which are not optional (III 5/15, paragraph 14.17).

Action by IACS

3 Following the above-mentioned encouragement of the Sub-Committee, IACS amended all relevant IACS resolutions including procedural requirements, unified requirements and recommendations, retaining the definition of the term "condition of class" for all mandatory classification matters which must be attended with respect to the condition of the ship while removing the term "recommendation" for the same matter. The use of the term "condition of class" will be uniformly implemented on 1 July 2020 by IACS members in their rules.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided in paragraph 3.
