



International Quality Assessment Review Body

FACTUAL STATEMENT

IQARB is an advisory body that has been established to review the certification process of the quality management systems of IACS Classification Societies.

IQARB has reviewed the adequacy of IACS Quality System Certification Scheme (QSCS) in meeting the objectives set before Classification Societies for compliance with the requirements of the RO Code, in relation to the relevant provisions of IMO mandatory instruments, such as SOLAS 1974 regulations I/6, II-1/3-1 and XI-1/1, etc. as well as the III Code. It has been found that the QSCS is adequate in this regard.

This factual statement takes into account the performance of Accredited Certification Bodies (ACBs), who have audited the Class Societies against the criteria of QSCS. In issuing this factual statement the IQARB has reviewed the performance data and nature of findings of the ACB audit of the Class Society, including the robustness and effectiveness of the agreed corrective actions that classification societies have put in place to address the findings that were identified during the ACB audits.

Regarding its review of the certification process of the quality management system of American Bureau of Shipping Audited by BSI Assurance UK Limited in 2023

Table with 4 columns: YES, NO, COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION/JUSTIFICATION. Row 1: IQARB endorses the Quality Secretary's Statement of Fact without comment (checked YES). Row 2: IQARB endorses the Quality Secretary's Statement of Fact with comments(s) and/or recommendation(s). Row 3: IQARB does not endorse the Quality Secretary's Statement of Fact, with justification.

Date of IQARB review: 7 May 2024
Signature of the IQARB Chair: [Handwritten Signature]

Notes:

This Factual Statement is without prejudice to, and/or does not override any conclusions reached by the oversight and monitoring activities of flag States or other bodies including those represented in the IQARB.

This Factual Statement is issued on the basis that the effective implementation of the proposed corrective actions in respect of findings raised by the ACB will be verified by the ACB at the next annual audit.