

RULES

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL TANKERS

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The present Rule Change Notice to the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Chemical Tankers (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments and additions, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come into force on 1 July 2026.

REVISION HISTORY

PART VI. SYSTEMS AND PIPING

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
Para 1.1.1	Ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk	Provisions on application of other RS rules have been deleted in connection with their revision and transfer to new para 1.1.2	
Para 1.1.2 (new)	Ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk	Revised provisions on application of other RS rules have been introduced. Existing paras 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 and references thereto have been renumbered 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 respectively	
Para 1.2.1	Ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk	New definition "Chemical tank barge" has been introduced and definition "Chemical tanker" has been amended in order to bring them into compliance with the definitions of ship types given in Appendix 1 to Part I "Classification" of the RS Rules/C	

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
Sections 2, 3 (deleted)	Ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk	Requirements regarding equivalents have been deleted in connection with availability of similar provisions on deviations from the RS rules in the General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity. Requirements for the issued documents and surveys have been deleted in connection with availability of such requirements in other RS normative documents. Existing Section 4, existing Chapters 4.1 and 4.2, existing paras 4.1.1, 4.2.1 — 4.2.4 and references thereto have been renumbered 2, 2.1 and 2.2, 2.1.1, 2.2.1 — 2.2.4 respectively	
Chapter 4.3 (deleted)	Ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk	Requirements for survey have been deleted in connection with availability of such requirements in other RS normative documents	
Section 5 (renumbered to Section 3)	Ships carrying dangerous chemicals in bulk Technical documentation	Existing Section 5, existing paras 5.1 — 5.3 and references thereto have been renumbered 3 and 3.1 — 3.3 respectively. Section has been renamed	

PART I. CLASSIFICATION

1 GENERAL

Para 1.1.1 is amended as follows:

"1.1.1 The requirements of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Chemical Tankers¹ ~~are considered to be compliant with the provisions of the IBC Code with relevant amendments thereto and~~ apply to specially constructed or converted ships, irrespective of gross tonnage and propulsion power, intended for carriage of dangerous chemicals in bulk specified in Part XI "Summary of Technical Requirements" of these Rules (refer also to Chapter 17 of the IBC Code and the agreed additions given in IMO MEPC.2/Circ.xx List 1).

~~The requirements of the Rules for the Equipment of Sea-Going Ships, the Rules for the Cargo-Handling Gear of Sea-Going Ships, the Load Line Rules for Sea-Going Ships fully apply to the above-mentioned ships.~~

~~The requirements of General Regulations for the Classification and Other Activity, as well as the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships² apply also to the ships covered by these Rules, unless specified otherwise in the text of the Chem Rules, and shall be appropriately met if they do not conflict with the requirements of the Chem Rules."~~

New para 1.1.2 is introduced reading as follows:

"1.1.2 These Rules include the requirements amending or supplementing those of the Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships² and other RS rules for ships specified in 1.1.1. Unless expressly provided otherwise in the text of these Rules, the requirements of the RS Rules/C and other RS rules applying to such ships shall be appropriately complied with where they do not contradict with the requirements of these Rules.

² Hereinafter referred to as "the RS Rules/C."

Existing **paras 1.1.2** and **1.1.3** and **references thereto** are renumbered **1.1.3** and **1.1.4** respectively.

Para 1.2.1. Before definition "Chemical tanker" new definition "Chemical tank barge" is introduced reading as follows:

"Chemical tank barge is a chemical tank barge as defined in Section 6 of Appendix 1 to Part I "Classification" of the RS Rules/C. Unless otherwise specified, the requirements of these Rules applicable to chemical tankers also apply to chemical tank barges."

Para 1.2.1. Definition "Chemical tanker" is replaced by the following text:

"Chemical tanker is a chemical tanker as defined in Section 3 of Appendix 1 to Part I "Classification" of the RS Rules/C."

2 DEVIATIONS, EQUIVALENCES

Section 2 is deleted.

3 DOCUMENTS

Section 3 is deleted.

4 CLASS NOTATION AND CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS

Existing **Section 4** and **references thereto** are renumbered **2**.

Existing **Section 4** (renumbered to **Section 2**) is renamed as follows:

"2 CLASS NOTATION".

4.1 CLASS NOTATION OF THE SHIP

Existing **Chapter 4.1**, existing **para 4.1.1** and **references thereto** are renumbered **2.1** and **2.1.1** respectively.

4.2 DESCRIPTIVE AND ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS IN THE CLASS NOTATION

Existing **Chapter 4.2**, existing **paras 4.2.1 — 4.2.4** and **references thereto** are renumbered **2.2**, **2.2.1 — 2.2.4** respectively.

4.3 SURVEYS

Chapter 4.3 is deleted.

5 TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION OF A SHIP

Existing **Section 5**, existing **paras 5.1 — 5.3** and **references thereto** are renumbered **3** and **3.1 — 3.3** respectively.

Existing **Section 5** (renumbered to **Section 3**) is renamed as follows:

"3 TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION".

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