

## INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES (IACS)

Dedicated to safe ships and clean seas, **IACS** makes a unique contribution to maritime safety and regulation through technical support, compliance verification and research and development. More than 90% of the world's cargo carrying tonnage is covered by the classification design, construction and through-life compliance Rules and standards set by the ten Member Societies and one Associate of **IACS**.

On 14 December 2005 the Common Structural Rules for Tankers and Bulk Carriers were unanimously adopted by the **IACS** Council for implementation on 1 April 2006. The Council was satisfied that the new rules have been based on sound technical grounds, and achieve the goals of more robust and safer ships. The then Chairman of **IACS**, Bob Somerville, declared it " an historic moment - one of the most important single steps in the development of maritime rules that **IACS** has ever been involved with".

**IACS** now implements the CSR maintenance program (**IACS** Procedural Requirement No.32) via the **IACS** CSR Knowledge Centre (**KC**). All the agreed Q&As and CIs (Common Interpretations) are published on the **IACS** web site without delay in order to assist its Member Societies and Industry in implementing the **CSR** in a uniform and consistent manner. **IACS** has also put in place a long-term plan to further increase the harmonization between the Tanker and Bulk Carrier rule sets.

**IACS** consists of 10 member societies and one associate, details of which are listed below. Chairmanship of **IACS** is on a rotational basis with each member society taking a turn. The current chairmanship is as follows:

### CHAIRMAN

Chairman of Council	Mr. Tor E. Svensen	<b>DNV</b>
Vice Chairman	Mr. T. W. Kim	<b>KR</b>
Vice-Chairman (immediate past chairman)	Mr. Li Kejun	<b>CCS</b>

### MEMBERS

American Bureau of Shipping ( <b>ABS</b> )	<a href="http://www.eagle.org">http://www.eagle.org</a>
Bureau Veritas ( <b>BV</b> )	<a href="http://www.veristar.com">http://www.veristar.com</a>
China Classification Society ( <b>CCS</b> )	<a href="http://www.ccs.org.cn">http://www.ccs.org.cn</a>
Det Norske Veritas ( <b>DNV</b> )	<a href="http://www.dnv.com">http://www.dnv.com</a>
Germanischer Lloyd ( <b>GL</b> )	<a href="http://www.gl-group.com">http://www.gl-group.com</a>
Korean Register of Shipping ( <b>KRS</b> )	<a href="http://www.krs.co.kr">http://www.krs.co.kr</a>
Lloyd's Register of Shipping ( <b>LR</b> )	<a href="http://www.lr.org">http://www.lr.org</a>
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai ( <b>NK</b> )	<a href="http://www.classnk.or.jp">http://www.classnk.or.jp</a>
Registro Italiano Navale ( <b>RINA</b> )	<a href="http://www.rina.org">http://www.rina.org</a>
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping ( <b>RMRS</b> )	<a href="http://www.rs-head.spb.ru">http://www.rs-head.spb.ru</a>

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Indian register of Shipping ( <b>IRS</b> )	<a href="http://www.irsclass.org">http://www.irsclass.org</a>
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IACS members strive to achieve uniform application of the standards in the service they render for ship classification and also in statutory work undertaken on behalf of national Administrations.

Compliance with the QSCS is mandatory for Members and Associates.

The only quality management system certificate recognized for IACS Membership is the IACS Quality Management System Certificate of Conformity.

The QSCS is operated by the IACS Quality Secretary, guided by the IACS Quality Committee. The IACS Quality Committee consists of one representative of each Member Society and reports directly to the IACS Council.

An External Advisory Committee has been established.

IACS activities are governed by the [Code of Ethics](#) and [Charter](#).

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