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(SOLAS), 1974, AS AMENDED**

Promulgation of rules for the design and construction of bulk carriers and oil tankers of an organization, which is recognized by Administrations in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-1/1, confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to be in conformity with the goals and functional requirements of the Goal-based Ship Construction Standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), received the verification audit reports of the audit teams for the 12 Submitters, which are organizations recognized by Administrations in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-1/1, from the Secretary-General, pursuant to the *Guidelines for verification of conformity with goal-based ship construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers* (resolution MSC.296(87)) (GBS Guidelines). The Committee also received the Corrective Action Plans from the above-mentioned 12 Submitters, in response to the non-conformities and observations documented in the verification reports of the audit teams.

2 Having considered the verification audit reports and the Corrective Action Plans referred to above, the Committee confirmed that the information provided by the 12 Submitters demonstrates that, in accordance with SOLAS regulation II-1/3-10.3, their rules conform to the International goal-based ship construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution MSC.287(87)) (GBS Standards); and that ships contracted under the current Submitters' verified rules are deemed to meet the GBS Standards.

3 The list set out in the annex contains those 12 Submitters, i.e. a list of organizations, which are recognized by Administrations in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-1/1, whose rules have been verified as conforming to the goals and functional requirements of the GBS Standards.

4 Where non-conformities have been identified in the verification audit reports, the Committee agreed that such non-conformities are to be rectified and that the 12 Submitters submit new requests for a verification audit on the rectification of non-conformities. Where observations have been identified in the verification audit reports, the Committee requested that the ROs address the identified observations and that the ROs submit the outcomes in the future.

5 The Committee also noted that, as a new request for the verification audit of an organization's rules for the design and construction of bulk carriers and oil tankers may be made to the Secretary-General at any time, other organization(s) may be added to the list set out in the annex at subsequent sessions.

6 The Committee draws the attention of maritime Administrations, shipyards, shipowners, ship designers, ship operators and managers, ship masters and all other stakeholders concerned to the list of organizations recognized by Administrations in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-1/1, whose rules have been verified as conforming to the goals and functional requirements of the *International Goal-based Ship Construction Standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers* (resolution MSC.287(87)).

ANNEX

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH ARE RECOGNIZED BY ADMINISTRATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SOLAS REGULATION XI-1/1, WHOSE RULES HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AS CONFORMING TO THE GOALS AND FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOAL-BASED SHIP CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR BULK CARRIERS AND OIL TANKERS

Recognized Organization	Date of confirmation	Session of MSC
American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Bureau Veritas (BV)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
China Classification Society (CCS)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
DNV GL	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Korean Register of Shipping (KR)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Lloyd's Register (LR)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Polish Register of Shipping (PRS)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
RINA Services (RINA)	11 May 2016	MSC 96
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)	11 May 2016	MSC 96