

**RULES  
FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION  
OF SEA-GOING SHIPS**

**TEMPORARY AMENDMENTS**

to

**PART I  
CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS**

January 2021



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*Temporary Amendments to Part I – Classification Regulations – January 2021* of the *Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships* were approved by the PRS Board on 29 March 2021 and enter into force on 1 April 2021.

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***The following amendments to Part I – Classification Regulations – January 2020 have been introduced:***

1. Paragraph 1.2, following definition has been temporary amended to read:

*Force Majeure* – unforeseen inability of the Society to attend the vessel due to the governmental restrictions on the right of access or movement of personnel; unforeseeable delays in port or inability to discharge cargo due to unusually lengthy periods of severe weather, strikes or civil strife; acts of war or other force majeure

If, due to circumstances reasonably beyond the owner's or the Society's control as defined above, the vessel is not in a port where the surveys can be completed at the expiry of the periods allowed above, the Society may allow the vessel to sail, in class, for a period not exceeding three (3) months, to allow for completion of the surveys, provided the Society:

- a) examines the ship's records.
- b) carries out the due and/or overdue surveys and examination of Recommendations / Conditions of Class at the first opportunity where the Society is reasonably able to attend to complete the surveys, and
- c) has satisfied itself that the vessel is in condition to satisfactorily continue in service for the agreed period, and
- d) receives a signed statement from the master to confirm that their ship is in a condition to satisfactorily continue in service for the agreed period.

The Society may postpone the surveys and issue temporary certificates as appropriate.

The surveys to be carried out are to be based upon the survey requirements at the original date due and not on the age of the vessel when the survey is carried out.

Such surveys are to be credited from the date originally due. If class has already been automatically suspended in such cases, it may be reinstated subject to the conditions prescribed in this paragraph.

Notwithstanding the above, should the circumstances that preclude vessel attendance by the Society continue after the initial Force Majeure period of three (3) months has elapsed, then the Society may consider another Force Majeure extension up to further three (3) months upon satisfactory re-evaluation of aforementioned points a) through d) above and subject to the vessel's flag Administration's concurrence.

These Temporary Amendments are valid until 30 September 2021.