

Status of Classification Society Recognition, ACP Participation, and Authorizations Delegated by the U.S. Coast Guard

Class Society Status	ABS	BV	ClassNK	DNV	LR	RINA	IRCLASS	CCS	CRS	DBS	IBS	INSB	INTLREG	KR	PHRS	RS
Recognized (46 CFR part 8, subpart B)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									
Alternate Compliance Program (ACP) (46 CFR part 8, subpart D)	✓ +		✓ +	✓ +	✓ +											
Classification Society Activities (46 CFR part 2, subpart 2.45)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Authorizations	ABS	BV	ClassNK	DNV	LR	RINA	IRCLASS	CCS	CRS	DBS	IBS	INSB	INTLREG	KR	PHRS	RS
International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as modified by the 1988 Protocol, as amended (ICLL66/88)																
International Load Line Certificate (LL Protocol)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Tonnage																
ITC (46 CFR 69, subpart B)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
U.S. Regulatory (46 CFR 69, subparts C & D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and Protocols of 1978 & 1988, as amended (SOLAS 74/78)																
Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (SOLAS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (SOLAS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (SOLAS)	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓									
Document of Compliance for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (IMSB Code) (SOLAS regulation II-2/19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Cargo Securing Manual Approval (33 CFR 97.300)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Document of Compliance Certificate and Interim Certificate (ISM Code)	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓									
Safety Management Certificate and Interim Certificate (ISM Code)	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓									
Authorize service providers for lifesaving appliances (LSA) according to MSC.402(96)	✓		✓	✓	✓											
Conduct periodic audits on authorized service providers for LSA according to MSC.402(96)	✓		✓	✓	✓											
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, as amended (MARPOL 73/78)																
International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (MARPOL 73/78, Annex I)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Pollution Prevention Certificate for the Carriage of Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk (NLS Certificate) (MARPOL 73/78 Annex II)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Verification of Compliance with MARPOL 73/78 Annex III (Packaged Harmful Substances)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Sewage Pollution Prevention Statement of Voluntary Compliance (SOVC) (MARPOL 73/78 Annex IV)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Verification of Compliance with MARPOL 73/78 Annex V (Garbage)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Energy Efficiency Certificate (IEE) (MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Verification of Compliance of Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Data (MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS)																
International Anti-Fouling System Certificate (IAFS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Other Conventions, Codes, and Guidelines																
Polar Ship Certificate according to the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓										
Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Safety Certificate (MODU Code)	✓	✓			✓		✓									
Certificate of Fitness for the Transport and Handling of Limited Amounts of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (resolution A.673(16), as amended)	✓	✓		✓												
Statement of Voluntary Compliance (SOVC) with Ballast Water Management Convention	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									
Document of Compliance for Offshore Supply Vessel according to IMO Resolution MSC.235(82)	✓	✓		✓												
Cargo Gear Certificates and Registers (46 CFR Parts 31.10-16 & 91.25-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									

✓ — authorized

+ — ACP vessels only

Neutrality Statement: All authorized classification societies are subject to the same qualification and oversight processes and each is given equal status within their delegated authority and recognized function. The U.S. Coast Guard provides no advantage or special privilege to any one authorized classification society over another.

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Classification Society Abbreviations

ABS - American Bureau of Shipping
 BV - Bureau Veritas
 ClassNK - Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
 DNV - Det Norske Veritas
 LR - Lloyd's Register

RINA
 IRCLASS - Indian Register of Shipping
 CCS - China Classification Society
 CRS - Croation Register of Shipping
 DBS - Dromon Bureau of Shipping

IBS - Isthmus Bureau of Shipping
 INSB - International Naval Surveys Bureau
 INTLREG - International Register of Shipping
 KR - Korean Register
 PHRS - Phoenix Register of Shipping

RS - Russian Maritime Register of Shipping