



Transfer of Class to GL

A key step to more efficient ship operations

Are you dissatisfied with your current Class? Maybe it's too bureaucratic, or the structures are too complicated, or you're receiving insufficient support worldwide? If that's the case, why not consider transferring to Germanischer Lloyd (GL). We can promise you a transfer of class to GL will help make your ship operations and all Class-related transactions and procedures more efficient, optimise your lifetime costs and support you in reaching your economical and environmental targets.

Seven simple steps to more efficiency

1. Collection of information

Identification of your needs and collection of information about vessel(s) to be classed with GL

2. Order for classification

Meeting to familiarise you with the procedure and hand over documents:

- Quotation including, for example, details of Class to be assigned, detailed list of Class, statutory and other necessary certificates issued by GL
- Short description of the entire procedure
- Information on issues that may have to be solved jointly
- Request for Classification ready for signature
- List of documents needed to comply with IACS and Flag State requirements

3. Personal contact

One main person, your TOCA coordinator, to guide and assist you through the whole process

Transfer of class always involves some documentation that needs reviewing and archiving. Certificates, drawings and plans have to fulfil quality standards defined by IACS class societies. At GL we guarantee that the documentation process will run smoothly, and in most cases we will charge you no fees for the transfer of class process if your ship is transferred from another IACS class.

4. Collection of documents

Assistance in finding and putting together all the documents needed for the review

5. Review of documents

Reviewed at GL Head Office as the basis for issuing various trading certificates

Admission to class surveys & issue of interim certificates

Close co-ordination of timing and location for all surveys required

6. Full Term Certificates

Issue of all certificates detailed in the quotation after successful review of documents and survey reports

7. Welcome to GL!

Customer satisfaction review

Feedback on whether your needs were fulfilled and expectations met

Hand-over to GL Fleet in Service

Dedicated team of experts appointed to assist and support in the day-to-day operation of your vessel(s)

Why GL is your best partner:

Fast response – global network:

- 24/7 support and one of the largest surveyor networks worldwide with more than 200 stations and site offices in 80 countries
- Authorised by more than 130 flag states to issue statutory certificates

Service excellence:

- Highly qualified surveyors
- Free up-to-date ship status data access via GL fleet online
- Free events on subjects of interest to the industry, e.g. technical forums
- Dedicated customer contact personnel to ensure your needs are taken seriously
- Fast and simple online submission of plan approval documents, records and certificates via GLOBE
- GL Rules and Guidelines available free of charge on the Internet



Operational efficiency:

- Minimisation of downtime caused by unexpected breakdowns
- Good Port State Control record to reduce the risk of detentions

Technical competence:

- Added value from the GL Group's knowledge base, including experts from the maritime, oil & gas and renewables sectors, for improved quality and operational efficiency
- Regular updates of GL Rules to include state-of-the-art findings and take into account the problems faced in particular by owners and operators
- Competitive advantage for GL customers through innovations generated by high level of R&D

Forerunner in development of environmentally friendly and sustainable solutions:

- GL Environmental Passport (Class Notation EP): Efficient solution to the ecological challenge presented by increasing number of environmental regulations impacting on the profitability of ships
- Help in preparing for upcoming regulations such as the IMO Energy Efficiency Operational Index (EEOI) and Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI)

Full-range maritime service provider with particular emphasis on energy efficiency and environmental issues:

- GL subsidiary FutureShip: Expert advice towards optimising hull design, propeller performance, engine output, energy management and even crew performance
- GL Maritime Software: Software solutions for state-of-the-art ship design and efficient ship operation
- GL Systems Certification: One-shop stop for maritime systems certification, e.g. ISM, ISPS, ILO MLC, IHM, ISO 9001 and 14001
- GL Academy: One of the broadest maritime training portfolios in the industry

We are looking forward to welcoming you at GL! Please contact your local GL office or:

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