General regulations
FOREWORD

The rules for classification lay down procedural and technical requirements related to obtaining and retaining a class certificate. The procedural and technical requirements are used as a contractual document and includes both requirements and acceptance criteria.

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**CHANGES – CURRENT**

**General**
This document supersedes DNV GL rules for classification, General requirements, December 2013.

Text affected by the main changes in this edition is highlighted in red colour. However, if the changes involve a whole chapter, section or sub-section, normally only the title will be in red colour.

On 12 September 2013, DNV and GL merged to form DNV GL Group. On 25 November 2013 Det Norske Veritas AS became the 100% shareholder of Germanischer Lloyd SE, the parent company of the GL Group, and on 27 November 2013 Det Norske Veritas AS, company registration number 945 748 931, changed its name to DNV GL AS. For further information, see www.dnvgl.com. Any reference in this document to “Det Norske Veritas AS”, “Det Norske Veritas”, “DNV”, “GL”, “Germanischer Lloyd SE”, “GL Group” or any other legal entity name or trading name presently owned by the DNV GL Group shall therefore also be considered a reference to “DNV GL AS”.

**Main changes October 2014, entering into force as from date of publication**
- **Sec.3 Classification principles**
  - A new item [1.4], *Classification procedures on projects based on the legacy GL rule set*, has been added.
  - A new item [4.1.2] has been added.

**Editorial corrections**
In addition to the above stated main changes, editorial corrections may have been made.
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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1 General

1.1 Purpose

1.1.1 Following the merger of Det Norske Veritas AS (DNV) and Germanischer Lloyd SE (GL), hereafter denoted legacy companies, the DNV GL Rules for classification are established consisting of this rule document and the legacy companies existing rules at the start of joint operation.

1.1.2 The purpose of the Rules is to provide the basis for classification by the Society.

1.1.3 This document refers to legacy rule sets, defined as DNV and GL Rule sets in force within the respective legacy companies at the start of joint operation, including later changes in the respective rule sets.

1.1.4 Rules and rule amendments are accepted by the appropriate approval body of the Society and will come into force on a date decided by this body. Unless stated otherwise, the coming into force date shall be six (6) months after the date of publication.

2 Definitions

Table 1 Terms and definitions

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<th>Term</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>Builder</td>
<td>Signifies the party contracted to build a vessel in compliance with the Society’s rules.</td>
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<td>Certificate</td>
<td>A document confirming compliance with the Society’s rules or with other rules and regulations for which the Society has been authorized to act.</td>
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<td>Class entry</td>
<td>Assignment of class to an existing vessel.</td>
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<td>Classification contract</td>
<td>Contract between the Builder and the Society for classification of the Newbuilding.</td>
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<td>Date of Classification contract</td>
<td>Newbuilding: The date on which the Classification contract is signed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date of Order for classification</td>
<td>Vessel in operation: The date on which the order for classification of existing vessel is signed between the owner and the Society.</td>
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<td>Legacy company</td>
<td>Term used for Det Norske Veritas AS and its affiliates carrying out classification and statutory services (DNV) and Germanischer Lloyd SE and its affiliates carrying out classification and statutory services (GL) prior to the start of joint operations under DNV GL.</td>
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<td>Legacy rule set</td>
<td>DNV and GL Rule sets in force within the legacy companies at the start of joint operation, including later changes in the respective rule sets.</td>
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<td>Main character of classification</td>
<td>Characters showing compliance with a defined set of classification rules for hull and/ or machinery.</td>
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<td>Newbuilding</td>
<td>Vessels under construction at a builder.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rule set</td>
<td>A complete set of rules provided by one legacy company, either DNV or GL, including all supporting documents.</td>
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<td>Society</td>
<td>DNV GL AS and its affiliates carrying out classification and statutory services, but prior to the start of joint operations: DNV AS and its affiliates carrying out classification and statutory services or GL SE and its affiliates carrying out classification and statutory services.</td>
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SECTION 2 APPLICATION

1 Validity

1.1 In force date
These Rules will enter into force from the date of publication.

1.2 Scope
These Rules describe to what extent and how to use the two legacy rule sets.

2 Relation between these rules and the legacy rule sets

2.1 General
2.1.1 Requirements defined in these Rules supersede requirements as laid down in the legacy rule sets.
2.1.2 If requirements in these Rules are in conflict with legacy rule set, the requirements herein will prevail.
2.1.3 The Society reserves the exclusive right to interpret, decide equivalence or make exemptions to its Rules.

2.2 Governing rules
The governing legacy rule set will be indicated by the following main character of classification:

— 1A1 – DNV legacy rule set
— 100A5 – GL legacy rule set

and other main characters as defined in the respective legacy rule sets.
SECTION 3 CLASSIFICATION PRINCIPLES

1 Classification systematics

1.1 Use of legacy company information
The Society may use information related to classification and statutory services originating from either of the legacy companies to the extent necessary for the performance of classification and statutory work at its discretion.

1.2 Assignment and retention of classification
The process for assigning, retaining, deleting and suspending class shall be in accordance with the applicable legacy rule set.

1.3 Application of more than one legacy rule set

1.3.1 Application of more than one legacy rule set for the same vessel or design is not accepted; except as given in [1.3.2].

1.3.2 Additional voluntary class notations from the other legacy rule set may be applied when accepted by the Society.

1.4 Classification procedures on projects based on the legacy GL rule set

1.4.1 The Society reserves the right to accept deviations from the legacy GL rule sets in relation to procedures when it comes to e.g.:
— work execution and the related documentation of such; i.e. use of forms
— certificates content
— marking of products.

1.4.2 The Society will ensure that adequate procedures are put in place and documented through internal instructions and production systems.

2 Newbuilding and class entry

2.1 Applicable rule set

2.1.1 Classification is based on the legacy rule set as specified in the Classification contract in case of a Newbuilding, or Order for classification in case of class entry, in accordance with Sec.2 [2.2].

2.1.2 Applicable rule edition shall be in accordance with applied legacy rule set.

2.2 Acceptance of Builder and designer
The Society accepts builders or designers which have been accepted by one (or both) of the legacy companies as being capable of successfully manage classification projects.

3 Vessels in operation

3.1 Applicable rule set
Classification of vessels in operation shall be carried out in accordance with legacy rule set indicated by main character of classification in accordance with Sec.2 [2.2].
3.2 Class and statutory certificates
Certificates issued by the legacy companies, valid at the time of starting joint operation, will remain valid, unless expired, renewed or withdrawn.

3.3 On-board documents / manuals
Approvals given by legacy companies remain valid.

4 Certificates of materials and components

4.1 Acceptance of certificates

4.1.1 Certification of materials and components shall be in accordance with the applied legacy rule set. The Society may, subject to a case by case assessment, accept certificates and approvals issued according to any of the legacy rule sets.

4.1.2 The following legacy certificates will on a general basis be accepted for cross use between the legacy rule sets.

Table 1 Certificates accepted for cross use between legacy rule sets

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<tr>
<th>DNV</th>
<th>GL</th>
<th>Comment</th>
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<td>Service Supplier Certificate of Approval</td>
<td>Service Supplier Certificate of Approval</td>
<td>When a common DNV GL Rule set is published, all renewals and new approvals shall be based on this Rule set.</td>
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CHANGES – HISTORIC
Note that historic changes older than the editions shown below have not been included. Older historic changes (if any) may be retrieved through http://www.dnvgl.com.

December 2013 edition

Main changes December 2013, entering into force as from date of publication

- General
  - References to ships have been removed to make the document generic for classification services.
  - Definitions have been updated in [2].

October 2013 edition

General
This is a new document.
These Rules will enter into force from the date of publication.
Driven by our purpose of safeguarding life, property and the environment, DNV GL enables organizations to advance the safety and sustainability of their business. We provide classification and technical assurance along with software and independent expert advisory services to the maritime, oil and gas, and energy industries. We also provide certification services to customers across a wide range of industries. Operating in more than 100 countries, our 16,000 professionals are dedicated to helping our customers make the world safer, smarter and greener.