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Attain: Relevant departments of the Headquarters of CCS, the Society's surveyors, Plan Approval Centers, related shipowners, ship management companies, shipyards and designers.

Notice on Suffixes to Class Notation BC-A of Bulk Carriers and Class Notation for Operating Draft of Working Ships

In order to unify the suffixes to harmonized notations BC-A and BC-B of bulk carriers and avoid inconsistency of understanding for the meanings of the notations, and to assign class notation for operating draft of working ships, this notice is hereby made and shall be implemented by the units concerned.

1. Table D in Appendix 1 of Chapter 2 of PART ONE of Rules for Classification of Sea-going Steel Ships, 2009 is revised in accordance with the class notations in the following table.

Table D

Class notation	Description		Technical requirements to be complied with
Maximum Cargo Density (××t/m ³)	Maximum cargo density (×× t/m ³)	This restriction is to be added after and this notation is to be suffixed to a harmonized notation if maximum cargo density is less than 3.0 t/m ³ , and maximum allowed cargo density is to be	Ch. 8, Pt. 2 of the Rules

		indicated in the brackets. This notation is applicable only to BC-A and BC-B	
No MP	No loading and unloading in multiple ports	The restriction (no MP) is to be added after and this notation is to be suffixed to a harmonized notation when the vessel has not been designed for loading and unloading in multiple ports in accordance with the Rules. This notation is applicable to all harmonized notations (BC-A, BC-B, BC-C)	Ch. 8, Pt. 2 of the Rules
Allowed combination of specified empty holds	Combination of empty holds allowed	This notation is to be suffixed to a harmonized notation if specified empty holds are allowed in design. The notation is applicable only to BC-A	Ch. 8, Pt. 2 of the Rules
Hold(s) No(s). xxx may be Empty	Hold or Holds xxx may be empty	For bulk carriers with specified or alternate holds empty, this notation is to be suffixed to a harmonized notation	Ch. 8, Pt. 2 of the Rules

Examples:

BC-A (Holds Nos. a, b&c may be empty Maximun Cargo Density($\square \square$ t/m³), or Hold No. d may be empty Maximun Cargo Density($\square \square$ t/m³), or)

BC-B (Maximun Cargo Density($\square \square$ t/m³))

Notes:

- (1) Suffixes to class notation BC-A are to be bracketed, indicating the maximum cargo density and allowed combination of specified empty holds. Every two

suffixes for combination of specified empty holds and maximum cargo density are to be separated by “, or”;

- (2) Suffixes to class notation BC-B are to be bracketed, indicating the maximum cargo density;
- (3) Where maximum cargo density is 3.0 t/m³ and above, the maximum cargo density is not required to be indicated after class notations BC-A and BC-B.

2. Table E in Appendix 1 of Chapter 2 of PART ONE of Rules for Classification of Sea-going Steel Ships, 2009 is revised to add one row in accordance with the class notations in the following table.

Table E

Class notation	Description		Technical requirements to be complied with
WD (×××m)	Operating draft of working ships (×××m)	Assigning class notation for operating draft of floating cranes, dredgers and barges, the value in the bracket indicates the maximum operating draft allowed for the operating of working ships, in m.	Sec. 13, Ch. 1, Pt. 2 of the Rules

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