

Notification about the Requirements for Target Ship Management Promulgated by CCS

To all Shipowners, Management Companies:

The members of International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has now promulgated the requirements for assessment and management of Target Ship in accordance with the Common Quality Assessment Standards of IACS, the purpose of which is to strengthen the management of “Target Ships” and help them improve their actual conditions and maintenance, and reduce the possibilities of great economic loss due to safety accidents or detention by PSC.

China Classification Society concurs with the strong wish of shipowners and management companies that classification societies should keep good safety record and PSC record, and with the considerations to the factors related to ship and management, such as age, type, deficiencies found during surveys, performance of shipowner or management company, performance of Flag State, PSC record, performance of ship builder, performance of ISM auditing organization, etc., has developed a set of assessment and management measures for Target Ships, in order to strengthen the management of Target Ships. The assessments of Target Ships are deeply affected by the two factors, PSC record and Performance of ISM auditing organization.

CCS will identify the Target Ship in the survey status report of the relevant ships.

The 2008 Amendments to *CCS Rules for Classification of Sea-Going Steel Ships 2006* was promulgated and started to implement on 1st April 2008, and Section 9 of Chapter 2 of Part One has been newly added with the requirements for Unscheduled Surveys to some ships and additional requirements for the ships multi-detained by PSC:

- 2.9.1.4 newly added as follows:

“CCS reserves the right to perform unscheduled surveys to the ship when CCS has reasonable cause to believe that the Rule requirements for the surveys are not being complied with. CCS will notify the owner in writing about the arrangement of unscheduled survey, and then the owner should arrange the survey in time, and make the payment of fees of the survey.”
- 2.9.2.1(6) newly added as follows:

“(6) Where a ship has been detained following a Port State Control inspection on two or more occasions in one year period, or three or more occasions in 2 year period, with serious deficiencies found, then the class will be liable to be suspended at the discretion of CCS, and will be indicated correspondingly in CCS Register of Ships or its supplements.”
- 2.9.2.1(4)④ newly added as follows:

The class of ship will be suspended, “④ The owner fails to arrange the unscheduled survey as required in 2.9.1.4.”
- 2.9.2.2(2) newly added as follows:

“(2) Where a ship has been detained following a Port State Control inspection on two or more occasions in one year period, or three or more occasions in 2 year period, with serious deficiencies found, then the class might be liable to be withdrawn at the discretion of CCS, and will be indicated correspondingly in CCS Register of Ships or its supplements.”

The list of Target ships has been screened by CCS, and some listed ships with insufficient maintenance of class-related items, or with frequent structural deficiencies are subject to the unscheduled surveys as per the requirements of the Rules. Firstly, the unscheduled survey arrangements could reduce the possibilities of safety accident or PSC detention via increasing the survey frequency to the vessels; secondly, CCS hopes to help the shipowners improve the maintenance work on board their ships by means of compulsory survey requirements.

CCS will periodically update the list for the arrangements of unscheduled surveys to Target Ships, and the Un-scheduled Survey (USS) for Target Ships should be arranged as follows:

- 1、USS should be arranged normally within one month after the date of the relevant notification from CCS Head Office, but should not exceed two months after that date;
- 2、USS might be replaced by annual, intermediate or special survey;

- 3、 Where extension of USS is not supported by reasonable reasons and permitted by CCS Head Office, the shipowners should arrange the USS as required by the notification from CCS, otherwise the class of the ship will be suspended;
- 4、 USS to Target Ship should be at least subject to the scope of class annual survey, during which the attending surveyor could expand the content of the survey based on the actual conditions of the ship. Sufficient preparations and time for USS should be assured by the Companies, and normally the survey should be arranged in the daytime, with cargo spaces and ballast tanks being kept in surveyable conditions. Thickness measurement during the USS should be carried out by the firms recognized by CCS or other IACS members;
- 5、 Where ISM-related deficiencies are found during the USS, CCS might arrange an additional audit (as the SMC of the ship is issued by CCS) or report to the Flag Administration (as the SMC of the ship is not issued by CCS);
- 6、 Together with the USS, the attending surveyor will inspect other statutory items as per the List of Most Frequently Detainable Items of PSC.

For a ship having good performance in one to two years after being assessed as a Target Ship, CCS might cancel the identification of “Target Ship” by re-assessing the condition and management of the ship.

Your favourable attention to this Notification is highly recommended.

Classed Ship in Service Dept.

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