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Statutory certification of ships

Ensuring conformity with international regulations

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Vessels involved in international trade must conform with the international regulations on safety, security and environmental protection contained within various IMO (International Maritime Organization) instruments. The implementation and enforcement of these regulations are under the responsibility of each Flag State which may delegate all or part of its powers to classification societies such as Bureau Veritas. Moreover, as ships become bigger and more complex, only classification societies like Bureau Veritas have the necessary technical skills to inspect and survey them wherever they operate, with a highly competent worldwide network.

SOLUTION

What is statutory certification of ships?

A total of 125 national administrations recognize Bureau Veritas as an official certification body. They delegate part of their authority to Bureau Veritas to verifying implementation of national and international regulations for marine safety and environmental protection. These include such international conventions as Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS), Load Lines (LL), Prevention of Marine Pollution from ships (MARPOL) and Tonnage Measurements. Bureau Veritas performs inspections and issues statutory certification on behalf of Governments. This service includes design review, certification of materials and equipment, and survey of installation. It is possible for ship owners to get Bureau Veritas to survey the ship for statutory requirements at the same time as it is surveying it for class requirements, and class can then issue the statutory certificates on behalf of the Flag administration.

What are the key benefits?

- Reassurance of vessel conformity, ensuring licence to operate for ship owner.
- Increased cost-efficiency through simultaneous surveys for both class and statutory requirements.
- Simplicity of approach, benefiting both Governments and ship owners.
- Contributes to protection of human life and marine environments.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS ?

Network ■ The worldwide Bureau Veritas network has more than 1,000 high qualified marine surveyors, specialized in the implementation of safety, security, and protection of environment rules and standards, operating in 420 survey stations in 140 countries.

ISM certification ■ Bureau Veritas is recognized by 125 Flag State authorities and maritime administrations for the issuing of Documents of Compliance to companies and of Safety Management Certificates to ships according to the ISM Code.

ISPS certification ■ Bureau Veritas is already labeled by several Governments as a Recognized Security Organization (RSO) for certifying implementation of the ISPS Code.

EU (European Union) Marine Equipment certification ■ Bureau Veritas can provide services to ship owners, shipyards and equipment manufacturers everywhere in relation to the EU marine equipment conformity mark.

Type approval certification ■ Bureau Veritas is also authorized by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (UK), AMSA (Australia) and MMF (France) to issue national type approval certificates.

RELATED SERVICES

In addition to certification of ships, Bureau Veritas offers a wide range of related services:

- Classification of ships and off-shore units
- Technical assistance
- Asset Integrity Management (AIM) for deepwater and offshore facilities
- Training

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OUR APPROACH

The holistic approach to the safety of the ship requires that one organization assumes the responsibility for verifying compliance with both statutory and class requirements. A key lesson learnt from comparable experience in other regulated industries is that inspection/verification should be executed by as few parties as possible. That experience has shown that such an approach reduces unnecessary interfaces that may introduce points of weakness and possible breakdowns in the system.

The Statutory Regulations and Classification rules are very closely entwined. This has been recognized by the IMO through the inclusion of classification within the statutory requirements of SOLAS. As a consequence, Classification rules are a vital part of the statutory legislation (ref SOLAS CH II-I), and compliance with both standards is considered necessary to ensure a safe ship.

FAQ

What is your class involvement into the ISPS process and ISO certification services?

Owners of BV class ships have benefited from Bureau Veritas services when the ISPS Code became mandatory in July 2004. Bureau Veritas trained over 110 auditors and was granted RSO status by 50 Flag States. It was able to audit and certify 2,100 ships and 19 port facilities, and it trained 2,500 ship and company security officers, ensuring its clients moved smoothly through the security process. Bureau Veritas is now focused on smoothing the implementation of Annex VI to MARPOL, training its surveyors and informing owners on how to manage the air pollution limitation requirements.

CLIENT REFERENCES

Bureau Veritas has earned the confidence of many leading companies in the marine sector, including:

- **Shipyards:** Aker Yards, Dalian, DSME, Fincantieri, Hyundai, IHI, Mitsubishi, Samsung, SWS, Universal.
- **Marine Equipment Manufacturers:** Bao Steel, Caterpillar, FFE Holdings, Hyundai, Man, Mitsui, Mittal Steel, POSCO, Reintjes, Schneider, Wartsilä.
- **Ship owners:** Anangel, Boskalis, Broström, Cardiff Maritime, CMA-CGM, Dynacom, Groupe Bourbon, Dredging International, Enterprises Shipping & Trading, Exmar, Jan De Nul, Louis Dreyfus, Maersk, MSC, Nisshin, Norden, Tsakos.

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