

## No. 32 Procedure for handling technical questions regarding the IACS CSRs

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1. The obligations of this Procedural Requirement apply to Classification Societies (CS) which have embedded the IACS Common Structural Rules for Double Hull Oil Tankers and/or Bulk Carriers into their classification Rules and which are subject to verification of compliance with QSCS.
2. Each CS is responsible for internal procedures that provide the required framework for consistent implementation of the IACS CSR.
3. Each CS is to have a single point of contact to deal with the IACS CSR Maintenance PTs.
4. When a CS receives questions, comments or requests regarding the IACS CSR, the CS is to first access the IACS CSR Knowledge Centre (KC)<sup>1</sup> to find out whether the same or similar issue and its solution have already been documented.
  - 4.1 If a solution is found in the CSR KC<sup>2</sup>, the CS is to reply to the initiator with the existing solution.
  - 4.2 In case the issue is simple or non-controversial, the CS may reply to the initiator at the CS's own responsibility.
    - 4.2.1 CSs should advise the Permanent Secretariat of the following items for entry into the CSR KC:
      - Replies to the initiator made by a CS, if they are useful or substantial for uniform application of the IACS CSRs.
      - Claims received from the industry regarding inconsistent replies.
  - 4.3 For the following items, the "Procedures for the CSR Maintenance" detailed in Sections C6 Volume 4 of the IACS Procedures are to be followed and the CSR KC<sup>3</sup> is to be used:
    - Issues involving new interpretation of the Rules
    - Questions sent to more than one Society
    - Consideration of equivalency
    - Question requiring a Rule Change.

<sup>1</sup> CS without access to the CSR KC should check the information on CSR on the IACS website.

<sup>2</sup> Or on the IACS website for CS without access to the CSR KC.

<sup>3</sup> CS without access to the CSR KC can raise the following matters with the IACS Permanent Secretariat for entry into the CSR KC.

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