



VOLUME I

General Regulations for Classification

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Chapter 2.5	In para 2.5.1 the list of international conventions has been supplemented with the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001.	15.05.2023
Chapter 1.2	Has been completely amended considering relevant provisions of QRS Charter regulating various types of QRS activities.	15.05.2023
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Table 2.5.1	Add International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code)	24.02.2025
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1.1. Definitions and explanations

- 1.1.1. Please find below definitions used in these General Regulations for Classification:

Alteration or modification is a change that does not affect the principal characteristics and/or structural parameters of a ship.

Modernization is to modify the structure of a ship to improve performance characteristics, working and living conditions, to align it with new requirements and standards and specifications.

Conversion is to modify the structure of a ship to change its purpose.

Conversion of a ship of substantial nature or major conversion is a conversion of a ship or its part which alters its type, purpose, ship principal characteristics and/or structural parameters (such as dimensions, gross tonnage, weight characteristics, freeboard, power output of the main propulsion installation, cargo carrying capacity, etc.) or which substantially prolongs the ship service life, and such alterations lead to the necessity to apply QRS requirements to the ship. Whether a



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conversion is minor or major is



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determined by the QRS Head Office (QRSHO).

Rules (QRS rules) are a code of the normative and technical requirements for items of technical supervision.

Items of technical supervision (items of supervision) are ships and other floating facilities specified in 1.2.1, as well as containers, products, materials, works, services and processes within QRS terms of reference.

Technical supervision is checking conformity of items with QRS requirements during:

Review and approval of technical documentation; Survey of items during manufacture, construction, service stages, and repair.

QRS requirements are requirements of QRS rules, international conventions and other documents of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and flag states.

Deviation is the use of equipment, material, arrangements, and device or design solutions other than those prescribed by the classification requirements of QRS rules and duly approved by QRS.

1.1.2. Abbreviations.

When refereeing in the text of QRS Publications to the organizations, standards, QRS rules, international conventions, codes and other documents, the abbreviations given in Tables 1.1.2-1, 1.1.2-2, 1.3.1.1



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and 2.5.1 are used.

1.2. Classification of QRS

- 1.2.1. QRS is a non-commercial organization performing classification and survey of Ocean-Going Vessels and ships of river-sea navigation.
- 1.2.2. Besides, being authorized by the government of other countries to act on their behalf, QRS carries out surveys within its terms of reference for compliance with the requirements of international conventions, agreements and contracts to which the above governments are parties, and issues relevant documents.

Tables 1.1.2-1 – Organizations

Abbreviations adopted in QRS Publications	Full name
EU	European Union
UNECE	The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
ACS	Another Classification Society
IMO	International Maritime Organization
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IACS	International Association of Classification Societies
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission



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Abbreviations adopted in QRS Publications	Full name
UN	United Nations
AISI	American Iron and Steel Institute
ANSI	American national standards institute
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASNT	American Society for Nondestructive Testing
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BSI	British Standards Institution
CEN	European Committee for Standardization
CESNI	European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation
CIGRE	International Council on Large Electric Systems
CISPR	International Special Committee on Radio Interference
DIN	German Institute for Standardisation
EFIBCA	European Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association
EMSA	European Maritime Safety Agency
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer
JISC	Japanese Industrial Standards Committee



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MEPC	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee
MSC	IMO Maritime Safety Committee
NACE	USA National Association of Corrosion Engineers
NORSOK	Norwegian Standard Organization
OCIMF	Oil Companies International Marine Forum

Table 1.1.2-2 – Standards and other documents

Abbreviations adopted in QRS Publications	Full name
ADN	The European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland
ACCP	American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) central certification programme
BS	British standard
CB CB/T	Chinese National Standards in Shipping Industry
EN EN ISO	European Norm



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IACS PR	IACS Procedural requirements
ISO/TR	ISO Technical Reports
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
JIS	Japanese Industrial Standards
MEG	OCIMF Mooring Equipment Guidelines
OHSAS	Occupational Health and Safety Standards
IACS Rec.	IACS Recommendations
IACS UI	IACS Unified interpretations of the provisions/regulations of international conventions and code
IACS UR	IACS Unified requirements
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISO/TS	ISO Technical Specifications

1.2.3. QRS has developed and maintains a quality management system (QMS) complying with the requirements of the International Standard ISO 9001. QRS implements the IACS publications based on the following principles:

- .1. all IACS resolutions such as IACS UR, PT and UI, as well as IACS Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers,



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considering their latest versions, are mandatorily implemented by QRS in the relevant QRS normative documents.

- .2. the terms of entry into force of QRS requirements comply with the terms of entering into force prescribed by the relevant IACS resolutions.
- .3. IACS Recommendations may be implemented in QRS normative documents if deemed necessary by QRS. IACS Recommendations related to the IACS Common Structural Rules for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers shall be mandatorily applied and implemented in QRS normative documents.

- 1.2.4. QRS establishes technical requirements ensuring safe operation of ships in accordance with their purpose, safety of life at sea and safe carriage of goods by sea and inland waterways as well as pollution prevention from ships; it carries out surveys for compliance with the above requirements, assigns class to ships, determines the net and gross tonnage of Ocean-Going Vessels and the tonnage measurement characteristics of inland navigation ships in its registry.
- 1.2.5. QRS activity is based on the rules published by that body and is aimed at determining whether the items of technical supervision comply with the rules.
- 1.2.6. The application and fulfillment of the rules and additional requirements are the obligation of design firms, shipowners, shipyards and manufacturers of materials and products to which the requirements of the rules apply.



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- 1.2.7. The interpretation of the requirements of QRS rules and other normative documents is within the competence of QRS only.
- 1.2.8. QRS activity does not substitute for the state surveillance of merchant shipping carried out by both the federal body of executive power responsible for transport and the federal body of executive power responsible for fisheries, nor does it interfere with technical control by shipowners, shipyards or manufacturers.
- 1.2.9. Classification activity of QRS covers the following:
- .1. development and publication of rules and other normative documents
 - .2. review and approval of technical documentation
 - .3. surveys of ships in service, including surveys during conversion, modernization and repair
 - .4. assignment, renewal, and reinstatement of class
 - .5. drawing up and issue of QRS certificates
 - .6. maintenance of records on ships
 - .7. publication of Register of Ships.
- 1.2.10. Other Activities of QRS covers:
- .1. Surveys of ships in service, surveys of products at repair as well as surveys of materials for shipbuilding during manufacture for compliance with the provisions of international conventions and agreements.
 - .2. Review, investigation and recording of accidents aboard ships.
 - .3. Initial surveys of ships.



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- 1.2.11. QRS carries out classification of the following types of ships during their design, under construction, repair, in service and at recycling:
 - .1. Cargo ships and other self-propelled ships with the main engines having an output of 55 kW and upwards, non-self propelled ships of 80 gross tonnage and upwards, non-self propelled ships with machinery and equipment of total power output of prime movers 100 kW and upwards — irrespective of their gross tonnage.
 - .2. pleasure craft, sailing racing yachts and small craft used for commercial purposes.
- 1.2.12. QRS carries out surveys of ship refrigerating plants from the point of view of ship's safety, safe carriage of goods, absence of the ozone-destructive effect of refrigerants upon the environment, as well as the classification of ship refrigerating plants.
- 1.2.13. QRS carries out surveys of ship cargo-handling gear of 1 t lifting capacity and upwards.
- 1.2.14. On special agreement, QRS may carry out surveys of ships, installations or arrangements not specified in 1.2.11 – 1.2.13.
- 1.2.15. QRS is also involved in other types of activities, which include:
 - .1. Survey of ships classed by QRS, in connection with accidents, after detentions by the Flag State and/or Port State.
 - .2. Design technical appraisal, technical supervision during testing, examination of freight containers with gross mass of 10 t and more, and their approval for international transportation by different modes of transport, surveys of containers in service.



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- .3. Design technical appraisal of portable tanks with gross mass of 10 t and more, including tank containers intended for transportation of goods, including dangerous ones, by sea, river, and road transport, and technical supervision during testing and in service, and determination of their compliance with the national and international requirements, and the requirements of the international agreements on transportation of dangerous goods.
 - .4. Design technical appraisal, technical supervision during testing, manufacture, in service and confirmation of compliance of tare, package, intermediate bulk containers intended for transportation of dangerous goods with the national and international requirements.
 - .5. Issuance of appropriate documents following the results of activities stated above.
 - .6. Upon requests of interested parties, certification, assessment and confirmation of compliance of safety management systems; ship security certification; review of ship security plans; ship inspections for compliance with the requirements of the International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions; certification of companies for recruitment and placement of seafarers (crewing companies);
 - .7. upon requests of interested parties, review of the shipbuilding and ship repair yards facilities in the course of placing orders within them for construction and repair of ships.
- 1.2.16. The technological and special arrangements of fishing vessels, cable layers, vessels of dredging fleet and special purpose ships are not subject to QRS survey except the equipment specified in the



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relevant parts of QRS rules.

- 1.2.17. The Register of Ships contains the information on ships classed with QRS and is published by QRS on QRS official website. The information provided in the Register of Ships is not confidential and is available for all interested parties.
- 1.2.18. For works performed (services rendered) by QRS fees are charged according to the QRS pricing system.
- 1.2.19. If the commitments to QRS including those on payment for its services fail to be performed or are improperly performed, QRS is entitled not to assign a class or, where a class has already been assigned, to suspend or withdraw it from the ship in connection with which the commitments to QRS, including those on payment for its services failed to be performed or were improperly performed, and to withdraw the certificates issued by QRS.

1.3. Rules

1.3.1. Rules to be Applied

When carrying out surveys, QRS shall apply the following Rules and Regulations:

- .1. General Regulations for the Supervision.
- .2. Rules for Classification and Construction of Ocean-Going Vessels.
- .3. Rules for Classification and Construction of Small Craft.



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- .4. Rules for Classification and Construction of Glass Reinforced Plastic Vessels.
- .5. Rules for Classification Surveys of Ships in Service.

In addition to Rules specified above, QRS shall also apply the following regulating documents:

- .1. Guidelines on Technical Supervision of Ships in Service.
- .2. Guidelines for Enhanced Surveys.

1.3.2. Application of Rules to Ships

- 1.3.2.1. For newly built ships (hereinafter referred to as "the ships"), the rules and amendments in effect on the date of signing the contract for construction of a ship are generally applied. If the ship design is submitted to QRS for approval before the date of signing the contract for construction, the rules and amendments in effect on the date of the customer's request for the design review are applied. In this case, if the new rules or amendments to the rules according to which the ship design was approved, have become effective on the date of signing the contract for construction of the ship, its design shall be updated to comply with the above rules or amendments.
- 1.3.2.2. New or modified QRS rules' requirements coming into force subsequent to the date of contract for construction of a ship shall apply in the following cases:



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- .1. Where previously approved plans are intended to use for a new contract for construction.
 - .2. Where their fulfillment is prescribed by QRS circulars.
The above-mentioned amendments may be applied, upon agreement with QRS, when a justified written request is received from the party applying for classification and/or review of technical documentation on a ship.
- 1.3.2.3. Materials and products, technical documentation on which is submitted to QRS for approval after coming into force of the rules or amendments, shall comply with the requirements of the above rules and amendments.
- 1.3.2.4. Application of QRS rules when performing technical supervision during design and construction of a ship in a dual class arrangement shall be additionally regulated by the Dual Classification Agreement.
- 1.3.3. Application of rules to ships in service (except for the Rules for Classification Surveys of Ships in Service).
- 1.3.3.1. To ships in service to be classed by QRS for the first time, unless expressly provided otherwise, the requirements of QRS rules effective from the date of build of the ship, shall apply.
 - 1.3.3.2. For ships in service to be classed by QRS for the first time:



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- .1. and classed by ACS – IACS member, the requirements of the rules of ACS – IACS member for compliance with which the ship was built/classed shall apply. Compliance with the requirements of the above–stated rules shall be confirmed by the Classification Certificate issued by ACS – IACS member and being valid when the ship is classed by QRS,
- .2. and having no class of any classification society or classed by ACS – non–IACS member, the requirements of QRS rules effective during construction of a given ship shall apply, as far as practicable, considering the requirements of subsequent editions of QRS rules applicable to ships in service,
- .3. applications of QRS rules and assignment of the character of classification shall be carried out in accordance with 2.2.2 of Part I “Classification” of the Rules for Classification and Construction of Ocean–Going Vessels. The possibility to assign specific distinguishing marks and descriptive notations given in 2.2 and 2.5 of Part I “Classification” of the Rules for Classification and Construction of Ocean–Going Vessels shall be specified by QRSHO upon the review results:

for the ships classed according to 1.3.3.2.1 – of the class notation and requirements for class notation of the losing society (proposed class notation may be specified upon the survey results after additional agreement with QRSHO of proposals of QRS Office carrying out survey of the ship); for the ships classed according to 1.3.3.2.2 – of proposals of QRS Office carrying out survey based on QRS–reviewed documentation to bring the ship into compliance with



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the requirements of the applied rules for construction and survey results.

- 1.3.3.3. Having followed repairs, conversion or modernization, a ship as well as appropriate equipment, arrangements, etc. shall, as a minimum, comply with the requirements of QRS rules and, where applicable, international conventions, codes previously applied to the ship. Newly installed structures, machinery and equipment shall meet the requirements of QRS rules in force and, where applicable, international conventions, codes as far as it is reasonable and technically practicable.

Having followed conversion of substantial nature (major conversion), a ship as well as appropriate structures, machinery and equipment shall meet the requirements of QRS rules and applicable international conventions to the extent defined by the provisions contained in those rules and conventions which entered into force on the date of commencement of such conversion.

- 1.3.4. Deviations from QRS rules.

QRS may allow using materials and products, ship structures and their separate arrangements other than those required by QRS rules, provided an equivalent level of safety to the established QRS classification requirements is ensured.

In such a case, data shall be submitted to QRS enabling to ascertain the materials, structures and products in question meet the requirements ensuring the ship safety, safety of life at sea, safe



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carriage of goods by sea and by inland waterways as well as ecological safety of the environment.

Where the structure of a ship, separate machinery, arrangements, equipment and outfit or the materials used cannot be recognized as being adequately verified in service, QRS may require special tests to be held during construction and, in case of a ship in service, may reduce intervals between periodical surveys or extend the scope of these surveys.

When deemed necessary by QRS, appropriate restrictive entries may be made in the classification or other documents issued by QRS. The restrictions are withdrawn after satisfactory results obtained in service.

1.4. Documents

As a result of supervision QRS issues the appropriate documents:

- .1. Certificates confirming compliance with the requirements of Rules for Classification and Construction of Ocean-Going Vessels and rules for Classification and construction of particular types of ships.
- .2. Certificates stipulated by international conventions and codes.
- .3. Survey reports serving as the basis for issuing relevant certificates.
- .4. Certificates for products, materials, works, services and processes confirming their compliance with the requirements of QRS rules.

1.5. QRS's responsibilities

QRS entrusts carrying out inspections to experts adequately skilled and performing their duties with proper diligence. QRS is responsible for failure to



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perform or for improper performance of its commitments only when found guilty (by intent or carelessness).

QRS covers the losses to persons entering with it into contractual relations, as stipulated by QRS rules, and whose losses result from its failure to perform or improper performance of its contractual commitments due to carelessness, to the amount not exceeding the contract fees determined on the basis of QRS scales of fees and provided solely the causal relationship has been proved between such failure to perform or improper performance of contractual commitments by QRS and the suffered losses.

1.6. Confidentiality

QRS considers as confidential any information obtained in the course of rendering services and does not provide its contents or copies without prior agreement with the customer to external organizations, except when QRS is obliged to supply the information related to the details of proceedings reasonably requested by court and law-enforcement authorities, and the information inquired by Flag State and Port State, as well as in other cases prescribed by the current legislation and QRS rules.



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2.1. Definitions and explanations

2.1.1. For the surveys to be carried out, the shipowners, administrations of shipyards, and manufacturers shall ensure that QRS representatives can carry out ship surveys, as well as free access to all places where materials and products are manufactured and tested and shall provide all conditions for the surveys to be carried out.

Where necessary, QRS may require providing the access to surveyed items as well as the conditions for performing the work by QRS surveyors together with external auditors when the latter carry out audits of QRS quality management system.

2.1.2. Shipowners, shipyards, design firms and manufacturers shall fulfill the requirements of QRS or QRS surveyors when they are in the course of their duty.

2.1.3. Any alterations on the part of shipowners, shipyards, design firms and manufacturers in respect of ship structure, materials and products to which the requirements of the rules apply shall be approved by QRS before they are put into service.



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- 2.1.4. Controversial issues arising in connection with QRS activity may be transferred by shipowners, shipyards, and manufacturers to the higher QRS Office. The judgment of the QRS Head Office (QRSHO) is final.
- 2.1.5. QRS may refuse from survey in case the shipyard or firm (manufacturer) systematically violates the Rules or if the other Party to a contract violates it.
- 2.1.6. When a material or product proves defective under a valid certificate, QRS may require additional tests or relevant repair to be carried out, and where the defects cannot be repaired, may cancel the certificate.

2.2. Survey during the manufacture of materials and products

- 2.2.1. The relevant parts of the Rules contain lists of materials and products the manufacture of which shall be surveyed by QRS, as well as technological processes specified by QRS.
- 2.2.2. Materials and products within QRS terms of reference shall be manufactured in accordance with technical documentation approved by QRS.
- 2.2.3. During surveys, QRS may check compliance with structural, technological and production standards and processes which are not regulated by the rules, but which may influence the fulfillment of the rule's requirements.



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- 2.2.4. During ship construction or repair, manufacture of materials and products, QRS shall approve the application of new materials, products and processes, or those submitted to it for the first time, that are referred to QRS Nomenclature. For this purpose, specimens of the material, product or the new process shall be tested in the scope agreed with QRS after their technical documentation being approved by QRS.
- 2.2.5. The QRS surveys during the manufacture of materials and products are carried out by QRS surveyors or may be entrusted by QRS to another classification society in accordance with an agreement on mutual substitution.
- 2.2.6. In cases specified by QRS, the manufacturing works will be surveyed by QRS to inspect the facilities for manufacturing materials and products complying with QRS requirements.
- 2.2.7. In the process of surveys during manufacture materials and products shall undergo the surveys and tests according to procedures and scope prescribed by QRS.
- 2.2.8. Materials and products manufactured in accordance with QRS requirements shall be provided with the documents specified by QRS and, where necessary, the brands and markings to determine compliance.
- 2.2.9. In sound cases, QRS may establish special conditions for the application of particular products.

**2.3. Surveys of ships under construction, reconstruction and conversion**

Surveys of ships under construction, reconstruction or conversion of ships shall be carried out by QRS Surveyors based on approved technical documents. The scope of surveys, measurements and tests during supervision shall be set up by QRS according to procedures in force.

2.4. Surveys of ships in service

Surveys of ships in service are carried out according to the Rules for Classification Surveys of Ships in Service and other QRS normative documents.

2.5. Supervision in compliance with the requirements of international conventions and agreements

When performing technical supervision during design, certification of materials and products, survey under construction and in service, QRS shall verify compliance of an item of technical supervision with the applicable requirements of the international documents and amendments specified in Table 2.5.1:



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Table 2.5.1 – List of the applicable international conventions, codes and resolutions

No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in QRS Publications
1	IMO Conventions	
1.1	International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the Protocols of 1978 and 1988 and amended by subsequent resolutions.	SOLAS-74
1.2	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, and the Protocol of 1997, as amended by subsequent resolutions.	MARPOL 73/78
1.3	International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as modified by the Protocol of 1988, as amended.	LL-66/88
1.4	International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969).	TM69
1.5	International Convention for the Control of Harmful Anti Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, as amended.	AFS Convention
1.6	International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, as amended.	BWM Convention
1.7	Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended.	COLREG-72



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No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in QRS Publications
1.8	Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 with amendments of 1993 implemented by Torremolinos Protocol.	Torremolinos Protocol or TP-93
1.9	Cape Town Agreement 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977.	Cape Town Agreement or CTA-2012
1.10	Convention for Safe Containers.	CSC
1.11	The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009.	Hong Kong Convention
1.12	International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel	IP Code
2	IMO Codes	
2.1	The International Code for Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk adopted by IMO resolutions MSC.4(48) and MEPC.19(22) as amended.	IBC Code
2.2	Code for Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk, adopted by IMO resolution A.212(VII) and MEPC.20(22), as amended.	BCH Code



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2.3	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.122(75) as amended.	IMDG Code
2.4	International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.268(85), as amended.	IMSBC Code
2.5	International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gasses in Bulk, adopted by the IMO resolution MSC.5(48), as amended.	IGC Code
2.6	Code for the construction and equipment of ships carrying liquefied gasses in bulk adopted by IMO resolution A.328(IX) as amended.	GC Code
2.7	Safety Code for Special Purpose Ships, 2008, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.266(84) as amended.	2008 SPS Code
2.8	Safety Code for Special Purpose Ships, adopted by IMO resolution A.534(13) as amended.	1983 SPS Code
2.9	International Safety Code for High-Speed Craft, 1994, adopted by IMO Resolution MSC 36(63) as amended.	1994 HSC Code
2.10	International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000, adopted by IMO Resolution MSC.97(73) as amended.	2000 HSC Code
2.11	International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.23(59).	Grain Code



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No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in QRS Publications
2.12	Code for the transport and handling of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels, adopted by IMO resolution A.1122(30).	OSV Chemical Code
2.13	Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and Persons by Offshore Supply Vessels.	OSV Code
2.14	International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) adopted by IMO resolutions MSC.385(94), MEPC.264(68).	Polar Code
2.15	International Code of Safety for Ships using Gasses or other Low-flashpoint Fuels, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.391(95) as amended.	IGF Code
2.16	International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.307(88) as amended.	FTP Code
2.17	International Code for Fire Safety Systems, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.98(73) as amended.	FSS Code
2.18	International Life-Saving Appliance Code, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.48(66), as amended.	LSA Code
2.19	International Safety Management Code, adopted by IMO resolution A.741(18) as	ISM Code



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No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in QRS Publications
	amended.	
2.20	International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, adopted by resolution 2 of 2002 IMO conference, as amended.	ISPS Code
2.21	International Code on the Enhanced Programme on Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011, adopted by IMO resolution A.1049(27) as amended.	ESP Code
2.22	Code of Safety for Diving Systems, adopted by IMO resolution A.831(19) as amended.	DS Code
2.23	Code on Alerts and Indicators, 2009, adopted by IMO resolution A.1021(26).	—
2.24	International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code) adopted by IMO resolution MSC.267(85), as amended.	2008 IS Code
2.25	Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing, adopted by IMO resolution A.714(17), as amended.	CSS Code
2.26	Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011, adopted by IMO resolution A.1048(27), as amended.	TDC Code
2.27	NO _x Technical Code Technical Code on Control of Emission of Nitrogen Oxides from Marine Diesel Engines, 2008, adopted by IMO resolution	NO _x Technical Code



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No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in QRS Publications
	MEPC.177(58), as amended.	
2.28	Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships, adopted by IMO resolution MSC.337(91) as amended.	Noise Code
3	Conventions, codes and other documents of international organizations other than IMO	
3.1	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended.	MLC
3.2	Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work), Convention, 1979 (No.152).	ILO-152
3.3	Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 92).	ILO-92
3.4	Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1970 (No. 133).	ILO-133
3.5	Customs Convention on Containers.	CCC
3.6	Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1966.	—
3.7	Radio Regulations.	—
4	Regulatory and legal documents of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union	
4.1	Regulation (EU) 1257/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November	—



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No.	Title	Abbreviation adopted in QRS Publications
	2013 on ship recycling	
4.2	Council Directive 97/70/EC dated 11.12.1997 with amendments dated 1999, 2002, 2009, laying down safety standards for Ocean-Going fishing vessels.	Council Directive 97/70/EC
4.3	Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on recreational craft and personal watercraft.	Directive 2013/53/EU

QRS applies in its activity the following normative documents:

- .1. Requirements of flag state Maritime Administrations in accordance with the agreements concluded with QRS.
- .2. Provisions of the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code), adopted by IMO resolution MSC.349(92);
- .3. Rules for the Measurement of Vessels for the Panama Canal.
- .4. Regulations for Tonnage Measurement for the Suez Canal.
- .5. Provisions of intergovernmental agreements on load lines.
- .6. ACS requirements in accordance with the agreements concluded between QRS and ACS.
- .7. Requirements used in international Ocean-Going practice.

Surveys of the items falling under the requirements of international conventions and agreements shall be carried out in compliance with the approved



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technical documentation and QRS normative documents considering the requirements of the above conventions.

It is mandatory for the items covered by the above conventions, agreements and amendments to meet the requirements of international conventions, agreements and amendments, as well as QRS circulars with due regard for the dates set for their implementation.



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