

Instructions to Class

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Status of NIS/NOR Circulars and Instructions to Class (IC)

1 Purpose

1.1 IC 3-2014 rev.5 lists the status with respect to NIS/NOR Circulars and IC which are revoked, repealed or currently in force as per. 24 April 2024.

2 Application

2.1 This instruction applies to ships for which ROs are authorized to carry out statutory audits, surveys and inspections and issue relevant statutory certificates.

3 References

3.1 The Agreement of 1 June 2002 between the Ministry of Trade and Fisheries¹ and ROs article 2 paragraphs .2 and .3.

4 Repeal

4.1 IC 2-2020, IC 4-2020 and IC 6-2020.

5 Background

5.1 Instructions to Class expand on the authorizations adopted pursuant to the Agreement of 1 June 2002 between the Ministry of Trade, Industries and Fisheries and Recognised Organisations (RO) (the Agreement) articles 2.2 and 2.3.

5.2 Instructions to Class may be adopted by the NMA in order to:

5.2.1 Inform ROs of IMO guidelines and interpretations which the NMA considers mandatory

¹ New name effective 1. January 2014 – previously called “Ministry of Trade and Industry”

5.2.2 Convey interpretations which departs from UI, ref. the Agreement paragraph 3.4

5.2.3 Establish interpretations where no UIs exist.

6 Item

6.1 IC 3-2014 rev.4 supersedes IC 3-2014 rev.3

6.2 Table 1 lists revoked or repealed NIS Circulars and Instructions to Class.

Table 1 NIS Circulars/Instructions to Class revoked or repealed

No.	Date	Subject	Status	Comments
11/91	22.05.1991		Revoked	See NIS Circular 8/2004
4/1994	31.05.1994	Actions by the Classification Societies when NIS-ships are in non-compliance with international or Norwegian regulations.	Revoked	See NIS Circular 9/2004
3/1998	10.06.1998	List of approved computer programmes	Repealed	See IC 4-2019
1/2002	09.01.2002	Life Saving Appliances on Special Purpose Ships (SPS).	Revoked	See NIS Circular 1/2009
6/2002	28.05.2002	Supervision of manning, qualifications and maritime employment. Survey of operational arrangements.	Revoked	See NIS Circular 4/2004
1/2004	01.03.2004	Implementation of Council Directive 89/336/EEC on Norwegian registered ships.	Revoked	See NIS Circulars 5/2005 and 2/2009
3/2004	14.04.2004	Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS)	Revoked	See NIS Circular 10/2004
5/2004	30.06.2004	Declaration as to ship's seaworthiness required for registration in the Norwegian International Ship register (NIS)	Revoked	See NIS Circular 3/2006
8/2004	12.10.2004	Guidelines for unscheduled inspections	Repealed	See IC 2-2018
4/2005	20.04.2005	Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV)	Revoked	See NIS Circular 2/2007.
3/2006	13.06.2006	Declaration as to the ship's seaworthiness required for registration of cargo ships and passenger ships in the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS), and registration of cargo ships in the Norwegian Ordinary Register (NOR) where the shipowner has requested the classification society to perform all statutory functions according to Annex III of the Agreement of 1 st June 2002 between the Ministry of Trade and the recognized organisations (NIS/NOR Agreement)	Revoked	See IC 4-2012
4/2006	15.12.2006	Periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear	Revoked	See NIS Circular 4/2007
1/2007	10.04.2007	Supervision of § 5 – Trace securing set	Revoked	See NIS Circular 5/2007
2/2007	20.04.2007	Damage Stability Requirements for Special Purpose Ships	Revoked	See NIS Circular 1/2009
18/1991	04.09.1991	Special control of release hooks etc. for lifeboats and rescue boats on all cargo ships of 500 grt and upwards registered in NIS.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
11/1994	27.10.1994	Requirements for emergency fire pumps on cargo ships	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
2/1999	18.03.1999	MARPOL 73/78 Annex VI, issuance of Statement of Compliance.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
4/2002	22.05.2002	Personal Life-Saving Appliances.	Repealed	Repealed by the NMA's administrative decision of 28 March 2019.
7/2002	20.12.2002	Emergency Escape Breathing Devices.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014

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8/2002	20.12.2002	Survey of Medical Oxygen Supply System on board Ships carrying Dangerous Goods.	Repealed	Repealed by the NMA's administrative decision of 30 September 2020.
1/2003	24.02.2003	International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships – Issuance of Statement of Compliance.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
6/2003	05.12.2003	SOLAS Chapter II-1 part B-1, Subdivision and damage stability of cargo ships: Application of MSC circ. 650.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
2/2004	24.03.2004	1. Amendments to Regulation of 15. September 1992 no. 693 concerning the Form and Keeping of ships' logbooks. 2. Nautical Publications – Equivalent Arrangement.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
4/2004	04.05.2004	Supervision of Manning, Qualifications and Maritime Employment, Working Arrangements and Rest Hours and Survey of Operational Arrangements.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
6/2004	08.07.2004	Implementation of EC regulation 1726/2003 "On the accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design alternatives for single hull"	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
7/2004	12.08.2004	Amendment of 20 November 2002 to regulations of 15 September 1992 no. 695 concerning the construction of passenger ships, cargo ships and barges. Concerning towing and anchor-handling equipment.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
1/2005	15.02.2005	SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 22: Navigation Bridge Visibility. Implementation of requirements.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
2/2005	15.02.2005	SOLAS Chapter II-1 Regulation 12-1*: Double bottoms in cargo ships other than tankers. Interpretation * SOLAS consolidated edition 2004	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
3/2005	24.02.2005	Deadweight figure for cargo ship safety construction certificate and cargo ship safety equipment certificate or cargo ship safety certificate	Repealed	Repealed by the NMA's administrative decision of 28 March 2019.
5/2005	25.04.2005	Implementation of Directive 2004/108/EC of the European Parliament, relating to electromagnetic compatibility and repealing Directive 89/336/EEC of the same Parliament.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 see NIS 2/2009 in table 3
6/2005	01.08.2005	EU Ban on p/v valves of make Tanktech model new-ISO-HV-80	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
7/2005	15.08.2005	New NMD regulations of 17 December 2004 concerning radiocommunication on cargo ship	Repealed	by IC 3-2014
1/2006	07.02.2006	Certification of lifting pad eyes (lifting brackets) other than fastening devices used for permanent lifting appliances	Repealed	Repealed by the NMA's administrative decision of 28 March 2019.
2/2006	13.06.2006	International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments - Issuance of Statement of Compliance	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 Confer NMA regulation http://www.sjofatsdir.no/en/legislation/regulations/regulation-of-7-july-2009-no-992-concerning-the-prevention-of-transfer-of-alien-organisms-via-ballast-water-and-sediments-from-ships-the-ballast-water-regulation/
3/2007	30.04.2007	Voyage Data Recorder ownership and recordings	Repealed	by IC 3-2014– NIS 3/2007 is superfluous
4/2007	08.08.2007	Guidelines for periodic servicing and maintenance of lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear	Repealed	
5/2007	16.07.2007	Postponed deadline for obtaining evidence-securing kit for use on Norwegian ships of 500 gross tons and upwards certified to operate in foreign trade until further notice	Repealed	by IC 3-2014– Relevant regulation repealed.
6/2007	11.09.2007	Requirements regarding sulphur content in bunkers	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 rev.2

No.	Date	Subject	Status	Comments
2/2008 rev. 2	15.06.2009	Implementation ILO Convention No. 178 Labour Inspection (Seafarers), 1996 - New inspection regime	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 - MLC in force 20. August 2013, which makes inspections according to ILO 178 superfluous.
3/2008	12.12.2008	Implementation of long-range identification and tracking (LRIT) on Norwegian ships registered in NIS and NOR	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 controls pertaining to the implementation of LRIT equipment on ships registered in NIS or NOR are sufficiently prescribed and detailed in SOLAS Chapter V.
3/2009	01.06.2009	Long-range identification and tracking of ships (LRIT)	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 – controls pertaining to LRIT equipment are sufficiently detailed in SOLAS Chapter V and applicable performance standards.
4/2009	01.06.2009	Postponement of implementation of Resolution MSC.192(79) until 1 July 2010.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 rev.2 as IC 4/2009 no longer is relevant.
IC 1-2010	11.01.2010	Measures on the safe implementation of the use of low sulphur fuel by ships at berth in European Com	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 rev.2 as IC 1-2010 no longer is relevant.
IC 2-2010	25.06.2010	Navigational Lights on Norwegian Vessels	Repealed	by IC 2-2017
IC 1-2012	19.01.2012	Verification of recertification and post-installation testing of on-load release lifeboat mechanisms.	Repealed	by IC 3-2014 rev.2, ref. IMO Res.MSC.404(96) which amends SOLAS Reg. III/20
IC 2-2012	01.03.2012	Application of SOLAS Reg. II-1/12.5.1 for cargo vessels - Screw-down valves	Repealed	Repealed by the NMA's administrative decision of 30 September 2020.
IC 2-2015	22.04.2015	Approval of Ballast Water Management System and issuance of Statement of Compliance	Repealed	by IC 1-2019
IC 3-2017-rev.1	22.03.2017	Issuance of Ballast Water Management (BWM) Certificates prior to the entry into force 8 September 2017 of the BWM Convention and BWM Plans approved according to IMO Res.A.868(20).	Repealed	Repealed on 7 December 2018
IC 6-2017	2017.08.11	Reharmonization of an IOPP-certificate decoupled from the survey schedule of the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)	Repealed	Repealed on 8 September 2017.
IC 3-2020	26.03.2020	COVID-19 - Verification of safety management systems (ISM) by means of remote audits	Repealed	Repealed on 19 June 2020
IC 2-2020 rev.5	15.06.2022	COVID-19 - Extension of certificates and vessel instructions	Repealed	Repealed on 1 October 2022
IC 6-2020 rev.3	15.06.2022	Further extensions of statutory surveys and completion of renewal surveys by means of alternative methods due to COVID-19	Repealed	Repealed on 31 March 2023
IC 4-2020	19.06.2020	Increasing the possibility of performing remote audits and inspections	Repealed	Repealed on 24 April 2024 by IC 3-2014 rev. 5 - the IC is no longer relevant.

6.3 Table 2 lists NIS Circulars and ICs which are in force.

Table 2 NIS/NOR Circulars and Instructions to Class - in force 3 May 2021

No.	Date	Subject	Status	Comments
1/1998	13.02.1998	Instructions to Class – NIS 1998	In force	See IC 1-2020
3/2000	28.06.2000	Amendments to various regulations.	In force	
2/2002	22.05.2002	Survey and Certification of Offshore Supply- and Stand-by vessels registered in NIS.	In force	
3/2002	22.05.2002	ISM certification of cargo ships registered in NIS.	In force	
5/2002	22.05.2002	Guidelines to be followed by Classification Societies when evaluating marine equipment required to be approved.	In force	
5/2003	09.10.2003	Phase-out of Halon for cargo vessels registered in a Norwegian ship register.	In force	
9/2004	12.10.2004	Actions by the Recognized Organizations when ships in a Norwegian ship register are in non-compliance with international or Norwegian regulations	In force	
10/2004	14.10.2004	Instructions to Recognized Organizations (RO) and companies operating oil tankers flying Norwegian flag regarding performance and compliance with the Condition Assessment Scheme – CAS – as set out in Resolution MEPC.94(46)	In force	
7/2007	07.09.2007	Guidelines for revision of ISM-manuals on supply ships and tugs used for anchor handling regarding the immediate measures issued by NMD	In force	
1/2008	02.07.2008	Launching appliances for liferafts and rescue boat. Acceptance of an Equivalent Arrangement, SOLAS I/5.	In force	
1/2009 rev. 4	14.01.2009	Norwegian Special Purpose Ships	In force	Revised 6 May 2021
2/2009	01.06.2009	Electromagnetic compatibility – Declaration of conformity on NIS/NOR registered ships	In force	
5/2009	26.11.2009	Harmonised Implementation of Revised IMO Guidelines and Specifications for Pollution Prevention Equipment for Machinery Space Bilges	In force	
IC 3-2010	25.10.2010	Rescue boat launching appliances using fall and winch (davits) (MED A.1/1.21). Consequences of withdrawal of EU type approval certificate and invalid mark of conformity.	In force	
IC 4-2010	31.12.2010	Approval of Ship-to-Ship (STS) Operations Plan.	In force	
IC 3-2012	20.07.2012	Extending the validity of certificates required under international instruments	In force	
IC 4-2012	20.07.2012	Declaration of Safety to the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) required prior to registration in NIS/NOR	In force	
IC 1-2014 rev.1	25.04.2014	SOLAS Regulation II-1/11 Initial testing of watertight bulkheads, etc.	In force	Revised 1 January 2018
IC 2-2014	04.07.2014	Regarding Standby Vessels	In force	
IC 3-2014 rev.5	15.07.2014	Register of revoked, repealed and in-force NIS-Nor Circulars and IC	In force	Revised on 24 April 2024

No.	Date	Subject	Status	Comments
IC 4-2014 rev.1	31.07.2014	Medical oxygen on board Norwegian flagged ships	In force	Revised 4 November 2014
IC 1-2015	08.01.2015	Accommodation on Special Purpose Ships	In force	
IC 3-2015	27.10.2015	Arrangement of cargo rail on supply ships	In force	
IC 1-2016	19.09.2016	Passenger accommodation and universal design in passenger ships registered in the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS)	In force	
IC 1-2017	10.01.2017	Instructions to Class concerning the application of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 and de-coupling of the IOPP certificate from the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)	In force	
IC 2-2017 rev.3	10.03.2017	Acceptance criteria for granting certain exemptions to ships registered in a Norwegian ship register	In force	Revised on 6 July 2023
IC 4-2017	10.05.2017	Requirements for risk assessments on Norwegian vessels	In force	
IC 5-2017 rev.1	24.05.2017	Carriage of Industrial Personnel	In force	Revised 6 May 2021
IC 7-2017	13.12.2017	Interpretations and requirements related to Security Rules and Regulations	In force	Re-numbered - previously shown as IC 2-2017 of 13 December 2017. Relevant for the RSO-function only.
IC 1-2018	04.01.2018	Supervision of manning, qualification and operating arrangements	In force	
IC 2-2018	01.03.2018	Unscheduled Inspections carried out by RO	In force	Repeals IC 8-2004
IC 1-2019	01.01.2019	Approval and Installation of Ballast Water Management System	In force	
IC 2-2019 rev.1	28.03.2019	Acceptance of plans required by Conventions and associated international instruments in conjunction with change of flag	In force	Revised on 28 March 2019
IC 3-2019	08.05.2019	Reporting to the Norwegian Maritime Authority of alternative means to comply with the emission reductions required by annex VI of the MARPOL Convention	In force	
IC 4-2019	14.05.2019	Computer software programmes approved by the Norwegian Maritime Authority for calculating tonnage, intact or damage stability of ships registered in a Norwegian ship register.	In force	Repeals IC 3-1998 (NIS Circular 3-1998)
IC 1-2020	06.01.2020	Carriage of more than one Load Line Certificate	In force	Repeals pages A.16 and A.17 of NMD– Class Instructions – NIS 1998
IC 5-2020	26.06.2020	IHM-certification and the use of Supplier Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) and Material Declaration (MD)	In force	
IC 1-2021	22.02.2021	Requirements regarding lifesaving appliances in passenger ships registered in the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS)	In force	
IC 2-2021	05.07.2021	Actions required by ROs when asbestos containing material is identified to be present on board	In force	
IC 1-2023	29.11.2023	Early application of amendments to Appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI with regard to information to be submitted to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database from 1 January 2024	In force	
IC 1-2024	04.01.2024	Approval of alternative design and arrangements for ships using alternative fuels	In force	

