

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR COMPLETING REQUEST FOR CLASSIFICATION

1. (P.9) What is to be indicated in "Vessel Description"?

This is a description that the Owner requests to give to the vessel to better describe its function. In many cases it will be the same as the class notation.

For example: Motor Pleasure Yacht, Nile Cruise Vessel, Liquid Bulk Latex Carrier
Please see the list of [predefined descriptions](#).

2. (P.9) What are the definitions of "Sister Vessel", "Similar Hull Structure" and "Comparable Hull Structure"?

Vessel Relationship:

a) Sister Vessel – A vessel that as a whole is identical in design to another vessel. The vessel is normally ordered by the same owner and is one of a series of vessels.

b) Similar Hull Structure – A vessel that has the same lines, offsets, and hull scantlings to the vessel it is compared with, and has minor differences in machinery system, equipment, and accommodation. These changes from the original vessel reflect the requests of a different owner, the same owner, or the builder if not the same as the original builder.

c) Comparable Hull Structure – A vessel that has the same lines and offsets, with minor differences in hull scantlings, machinery system, equipment and accommodation. These changes from the original vessel reflect the requests of a different owner, the same owner, or the builder if not the same as the original builder.

3. (P.9) What are the definitions of "Dual Class" and "Double Class"?

a) A dual class vessel is one which is classed by two Societies between which there is a written agreement regarding sharing of work, reciprocal recognition of surveys carried out by each of the Societies on behalf of the other Society and full exchange of information on the class status and survey reports.

b) A double classed vessel is one which is classed by two Societies and where each Society works as if it is the only Society classing the ship, and does all surveys in accordance with its own requirements and schedule.

4. (P.13) What is the difference between "Certification of Cargo Gear" and "Cargo Register Certificate (CRC)"?

Certification of Cargo Gear is a request for Register of Lifting Appliances. Cargo Register Certificate or CRC is an additional notation given for Cranes.

5. (P.13) What is the difference between "Certification of Cargo Elevator" and "Shipboard Elevators"?

Certification of Cargo Elevator is part of the Cargo Gear Registry as Handling Devices. Shipboard Elevators are for Passenger only and are reviewed using the shipboard elevator guide.

6. (P.14) What is the "Harmonized Statutory System"?

This refers to the HSSC. If the flag of registry is signatory to HSSC, this should be selected. The application now knows which flags are signatory, the RFC needs to be updated to remove this item.

7. (P.14) How is each section filled in for SOLAS, Loadline, MARPOL, etc., when the Harmonized Statutory System is applied? Is it necessary to fill in each section?

Yes, it is necessary to fill in each section. Even with HSSC we still need to know which services ABS can provide depending on the flag of registry.

8. (P.14) What do SOLAS "SLC", "SLE", "SLP" and "SLR" stand for?

These are the standard abbreviations for Safety Construction, Safety Equipment, Safety Passenger and Safety Radio.

9. (P.14) What is SOLAS SLC (SLE, SLP, SLR) Code? Are there any special Codes other than the requirements for SOLAS Safety Construction (Equipment, Radio)?

No, it refers to the SOLAS.

10. (P.14) What is SOLAS USCG Voluntary Compliance (VCP)?

It is used for US flag of registry for vessels that do need to comply with SOLAS but do this voluntarily. See PI No. Attachment L - SWZ-002-05-P11-W012 Rev.1.

11. (P.14) Is it still necessary to mark SOLAS Cargo Ship Damage Stability and SOLAS Grain Loading when SOLAS certification is requested to ABS? (Damage stability in terms of LL, Chemical, MARPOL are not required to be marked additionally)

Yes. However, Damage Stability in terms of LL, Chemical, MARPOL are not required to be marked additionally.

12. (P.14) Is it still necessary to mark COLREG 1972 when SOLAS certification is requested to ABS?

Yes.

13. (P.14) What kind of Type is available for Loadline?

Please see the list of [Freeboard Vessel Types](#).