

Korea Classification Society (KCS)

◎ Introduction

KCS was established in 1947. KCS has been developed with its brilliant history under the wise leadership of the great leaders and the respected Marshal. The mission of KCS is to develop and update the class rules, survey the ships and offshore units periodically to verify whether they are constructed and operated in accordance with the rules and assign the class to them, along with carrying out the statutory surveys and issuing the appropriate certificates on behalf of the Maritime Administration of the DPRK in order to ensure the safety of the ships and life at sea and prevent the marine environment pollution.

KCS has 12 Branch Offices (BOs) throughout the DPRK.

KCS gained full membership of the International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions (TSCI) in October, 1970 and has enhanced the international cooperation in the fields of technical survey and classification of ships.

KCS has concluded and implemented the bilateral agreements on the mutual cooperation in the field of technical survey and classification of ships with more than 10 classification societies around the world.

KCS's QMS has been certified by Korea Maritime Certification Centre. It has been making active efforts to provide its customers with more effective and efficient services relevant to classification through the continuous improvement of quality management system.

Today KCS, with its competent technical staff, makes continuous efforts to keep pace with the times of the world.

◎ Organizational Structure and Function

Δ Function of Each Division

1 Administrative Affairs Division (AAD)

- draws up the work plan of KCS and regularly reviews its implementation and takes action as appropriate.
- makes arrangements for management level meetings for addressing the technical issues arising from activities of the KCS.
- assumes responsibility for regular communication to and contacts with Maritime Administration of the DPRK with respect to the functions delegated by MA.
- bears the whole responsibility for establishing the quality management system within KCS and improves it through regular internal audit.

- controls various sorts of documents within KCS and ensures implementation of the instructions and decisions of MA and other government agencies.
- ensures regular external audits by Korea Maritime Certification Center.

2 Plan Approval Division (PAD)

- considers the technical documents and drawings of ships to be newly constructed and altered, and the technology introduced in and used for design, construction and service of ships.
- carries out surveys during construction of ships and approves the materials and outfits for ships and ship technical services.
- builds up & manages the database related to technical documents of international sea-going ships and controls plan approval sections of BOs in managing the database concerning to technical documents of ships engaged on domestic voyages.

3 Ship Survey Division (SSD)

- periodically surveys ships and offshore units which wish to be KCS classed to verify whether they are constructed and operated in accordance with the KCS rules and assigns the class to them.
- carries out the statutory surveys of ships engaged on international voyage and offshore units under the delegation of MA and other Administrations to issue the appropriate certificates.
- organizes & conducts the works for developing and applying the precision-measuring equipment for surveys to ensure modernization and scientific accuracy.

4 Surveyors Training Division (STD)

regularly holds the training courses for upgrading the surveyors' expertise and professionalism and qualifies and registers the surveyors according to the related plans.

5 Foreign Affairs Division (FAD)

- is responsible for external affairs with international organizations and other classification societies, including the International Association of Technical Survey and Classification Institutions (TSCI).
- coordinates the activities of overseas offices.

6 Pyongyang International Maritime Information Center (PIMIC)

- conducts research on, development of and amendment to the maritime technical rules including “Rules for the Classification and Construction of Sea-Going Ships”.

- manages comprehensive database of the national/international instruments and ensures modernization and computerization in developing and researching maritime technical rules on a scientific basis.
- publishes and distributes the technical rules.

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