

RULES FOR

CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION 2018

NOTICE NO. 1 – December 2018

The following Rule Changes to Part 1 were approved by the ABS Classification Committee on 13 September 2018 with the implementation date; **EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 DECEMBER 2018.**

(See <http://www.eagle.org> for the consolidated version of the 2018 Rules for Conditions of Classification, with all Notices and Corrigenda incorporated.)

Notes - The date in the parentheses means the date that the Rule becomes effective for new construction based on the contract date for construction, unless otherwise noted. (See 1-1-4/3.3.)

PART 1 RULES FOR CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF CLASSIFICATION
APPENDIX 3 ABS TYPE APPROVAL PROGRAM

5 Process (2003)

(Revise first paragraph of 1-1-A3/5.5, as follows. Following text remains unchanged.)

5.5 Product Quality Assurance Certification (PQA) Tier 4 (IACS UR Z26 Alternative Certification Scheme) (1 December 2018)

A Product Quality Assurance Certificate (PQA) will be issued to a manufacturer who has requested that Rule-required surveys and tests be conducted without an ABS Surveyor in attendance. The manufacturer also has the option to place products not requiring unit certification into this program. Products that do not require unit certification are to follow the requirements of 1-1-A3/5.7 for unit certified products; national standards or client specifications may be used when no ABS requirement is available. For that purpose, the manufacturer is to meet the requirements for Type Approval as described in 1-1-A3/5.3 and, in addition, is to have a quality assurance system in operation that is as effective as the Surveyor's attendance at those surveys and tests. The scope of manufacturing assessment will be expanded to include a confirmatory evaluation, including at least initial, semi-annual, annual, and renewal audits of the quality system, in accordance with the provisions of the applicable quality assurance standard and ABS own criteria. When requested by the manufacturer, consideration will be given to crediting a semi-annual audit based on a Surveyor's recommendation after attendance for Unit Certification or a surveillance visit on or about the due date of the semi-annual audit. The semi-annual audit will have a window of 30 days before and 30 days after the midpoint between annual audits.