

PR1C Procedure for Suspension and Reinstatement or Withdrawal of Class in Case of Surveys, Conditions of Class or Recommendations Going Overdue

(Addendum
Rev.2 to
PR1C Rev.6,
Dec 2020)

The development and spread of Coronavirus COVID-19 and its resultant declaration as a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) has led to an unprecedented range of control and response measures being implemented by many Governments and organisations across the world. The cumulative effect of these responses is having a significant impact on the normal operations of ships, potentially impacting on world trade.

In response to requests from the IMO Secretary General, industry stakeholders and several industry associations, for proactive action to ensure disruptions to safe and compliant ship operations are minimised, and individual action by some national Administrations in permitting extensions to validity of statutory certificates, IACS has considered appropriate temporary amendments to relevant procedural requirements in the light of the current COVID-19 force majeure situation.

Having considered the matter carefully, IACS Council have agreed the following amendments to this Procedural Resolution which, provided any associated conditions are met, will supersede the existing text in **PR1C Rev.6** and will remain in force until **31 March 2021**.

In March 2021, the IACS Council will review the prevailing conditions with regard to COVID-19 at that time and, taking into consideration the ongoing control measures in place at that time, assess the ongoing need for this addendum and, if necessary, the duration of any further extension.

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For the duration as shown in the validity section below, Paragraph A.1.7 in this document overrides that shown in PR1C Rev.6

A.1.7 Force Majeure: If, due to circumstances reasonably beyond the owner's or the Society's control as defined above, the vessel is not in a port where the surveys can be completed at the expiry of the periods allowed above, the Society may allow the vessel to sail, in class, for a period not exceeding three (3) months, to allow for completion of the surveys, provided the Society:

- a) examines the ship's records.
- b) carries out the due and/or overdue surveys and examination of conditions of class at the first opportunity where the Society is reasonably able to attend to complete the surveys, and
- c) has satisfied itself that the vessel is in condition to satisfactorily continue in service for the agreed period, and
- d) receives a signed statement from the master to confirm that their ship is in a condition to satisfactorily continue in service for the agreed period.

The society may postpone the surveys and issue interim/short term certificates as appropriate.

The surveys to be carried out are to be based upon the survey requirements at the original date due and not on the age of the vessel when the survey is carried out. Such surveys are to be credited from the date originally due.

If class has already been automatically suspended in such cases, it may be reinstated subject to the conditions prescribed in this paragraph.

Notwithstanding the above, should the circumstances that preclude vessel attendance by the Society continue after the initial Force Majeure period of three (3) months has elapsed, then the Society may consider another Force Majeure extension up to further three (3) months upon satisfactory re-evaluation of aforementioned points a) through d) above and subject to the vessel's flag Administration's concurrence.

Validity Notice

Valid until 31 March 2021

To be reviewed by IACS Council in the beginning of March 2021 and decide whether to further extend the validity or to revoke the notice.

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