

# Amendments to the “Rules for the Classification of Inland Waterway Ships and for Conformity to Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended”

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*Effective from 1/1/2022*

*List of the amendments:*

<b>Part/Chapter/Section/Paragraph amended</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Pt A, Ch 1, Sec 1, [3.1.1]	to correct a reference to “safety of navigation in inland waters” which, due to an oversight, referred to "safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment"; a check will be made on all the other parts of the Rules and similar oversights will be corrected when publishing the 1 January 2022 edition of the Rules
Pt G, Ch 1, Sec 1, [2.1.1]	to update the requirements for ships subject to Directive 2016/1629/EU since the Directive was amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1308 of 28 April 2021 stating that, from 1 January 2022, the applicable technical requirements are those set out in ES-TRIN 2021/1

## SECTION 1

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CLASSIFICATION

### 1 Principles of classification

#### 1.1 Purpose of the Rules

**1.1.1** These Rules give the requirements for the assignment and the maintenance of class for inland waterway ships.

Class assigned to a ship reflects the discretionary opinion of Tasneef that the ship, for declared conditions of use and within the relevant time frame, complies with the Rules applicable at the time the service is rendered.

**1.1.2** The requirements of these rules regarding fire protection, detection and extinction (hereinafter referred to as "fire protection requirements") are no longer mandatory for the purpose of classification, except where Tasneef carries out surveys relevant to fire protection statutory requirements on behalf of the flag Administration.

In such cases, fire protection requirements are considered a matter of class and therefore compliance with these requirements is also verified by Tasneef for classification purposes at class surveys.

#### 1.1.3 (1/7/2020)

The rules are subdivided in the following parts:

- Part A - Classification and Surveys
- Part B - Hull and Stability
- Part C - Machinery, Systems and Fire Protection
- Part D - Materials and Welding
- Part E - Service Notations
- Part F - Additional Class Notations applicable, at the request of the Interested Parties
- Part G - Additional Requirements conformity to Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended.

Parts A to F apply for the purpose of classification.

Part G is applicable, at the request of the Interested Party, to all ships subject to Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended.

To ships which satisfy the requirements of the Part G, a statement attesting the compliance with the Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended may be granted by Tasneef if authorized.

Unless Tasneef is authorized by the Administration, said statement can not be used in lieu of the "Inland waterways vessel certificate" foreseen by the Directive.

**1.1.4** As an alternative to these rules, Tasneef, upon agreement with the Interested Party and/or Administrations, may agree to apply statutory regulations for inland waterway ships, such as ADN.

#### 1.2 General definitions

**1.2.1** The following general definitions are used in these Rules:

- "Administration" means the Government of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly or the State under whose authority the ship is operating in the specific case
- "Approval" means the examination and acceptance by Tasneef of documents, procedures or other items related to classification, verifying solely their compliance with the relevant Rule requirements, or other references where requested
- "Essential service" is intended to mean a service necessary for a ship to sail in inland waterway, be steered or manoeuvred, or undertake activities connected with its operation, and for the safety of life, as far as class is concerned
- "Inland waterway ship" is a ship designed and operated for Inland Navigation.
- "Interested Party" means a party, other than Tasneef, having responsibility for the classification of the ship, such as the Owner of the ship and his representatives, or the Shipbuilder, or the Engine Builder, or the Supplier of parts to be tested
- "Owner" means the Registered Owner or the Disponent Owner or the Manager or any other party having the responsibility to keep the ship seaworthy, having particular regard to the provisions relating to the maintenance of class laid down in Chapter 2
- "Survey" means an intervention by the Surveyor for assignment or maintenance of class as defined in Chapter 2, or interventions by the Surveyor within the limits of the tasks delegated by the Administrations
- "Surveyor" means technical staff acting on behalf of Tasneef to perform tasks in relation to classification and survey duties
- "Type approval" means an approval process for verifying compliance with the Rules of a product, a group of products or a system, and considered by Tasneef as representative of continuous production

#### 1.3 Meaning of classification, scope and limits

**1.3.1** The classification consists of:

- the development of Rules, guidance notes and other documents relevant to the ship, structure, material,

design alterations provided such alterations do not affect matters related to classification.

- If a contract for construction is later amended to include additional ships or additional options, the date of "contract for construction" for such ships is the date on which the amendment to the contract is signed between the prospective Owner and the shipbuilder. The amendment to the contract is to be considered as a "new contract" to which a) and b) above apply.

**2.2.3** Special consideration may be given to applying new or modified Rule requirements which entered into force subsequent to the date of the contract, at the discretion of Tasneef and in the following cases:

- when a justified written request is received from the party applying for classification
- when the keel is not yet laid and more than one year has elapsed since the contract was signed
- where it is intended to use existing previously approved plans for a new contract.

**2.2.4** The above procedures for application of the Rules are, in principle, also applicable to existing ships in the case of major conversions and, in the case of alterations, to the altered parts of the ship.

**2.2.5** The Rule requirements related to assignment, maintenance and withdrawal of the class of ships already in operation are applicable from the date of their entry into force.

**2.2.6** Deleted

#### 2.2.7

At Tasneef discretion, due to specific Flag Administration regulations, different intervals, extent and scope of surveys may be applied according to the requirements specified in Ch 2, App 2.

### 2.3 Novel features

**2.3.1** Tasneef may consider the classification of ships based on or applying novel design principles or features, to which the Rules are not directly applicable, on the basis of experiments, calculations or other supporting information provided to Tasneef. The specific limitations may then be indicated on the Certificate of Classification.

### 2.4 Interpretation

**2.4.1** Tasneef alone is qualified to decide upon the meaning, interpretation and application of the Rules and other classification-related documents. No reference to the Rules or other classification-related documents has any value unless

it involves, accompanies or follows the intervention of Tasneef.

### 2.5 Disagreement and appeal

**2.5.1** Any technical disagreement with the Surveyor in connection with the performance of his duties should be raised by the Interested Party as soon as possible.

The Interested Party may appeal in writing to Tasneef, which will subsequently consider the matter and announce its decision according to its established procedure.

## 3 Duties of the Interested Parties

### 3.1 International and national regulations

#### 3.1.1 (1/1/2022)

The classification of a ship does not absolve the Interested Party from compliance with any requirements issued by Administrations and any other applicable international and national regulations for the safety of navigation in inland waters of life at sea and protection of the marine environment.

**3.1.2** When authorised by the Administration concerned, Tasneef will act on its behalf within the limits of such authorisation. In this respect, Tasneef will take into account the relevant national requirements, survey the ship, report and issue or contribute to the issue of the corresponding certificates.

The above surveys do not fall within the scope of the classification of ships, even though their scope may overlap in part and may be carried out concurrently with surveys for assignment or maintenance of class.

**3.1.3** In the case of a discrepancy between the provisions of the applicable international and national regulations and those of the Rules, normally, the former take precedence.

However, Tasneef reserves the right to call for the necessary adaptation to preserve the intention of the Rules or to apply the provisions of [1.4.1].

### 3.2 Surveyor's intervention

**3.2.1** Surveyors are to be given free access at all times to ships which are classed or being classed, shipyards and works, to carry out their interventions within the scope of assignment or maintenance of class, or within the scope of interventions carried out on behalf of Administrations, when so delegated.

Free access is also to be given to auditors accompanying the Surveyors of Tasneef within the scope of the vertical audits as required in pursuance of Tasneef internal Quality System or as required by external organisations.

**3.2.2** Interested Parties are to take the necessary measures for the Surveyors' inspections and testing to be carried out safely. Interested Parties - irrespective of the nature of the service provided by the Surveyors of Tasneef or others acting on its behalf - assume with respect to such Surveyors all the responsibility of an employer for his workforce such as to meet the provisions of applicable legislation. As a rule, the

# SECTION 1

# GENERAL

## 1 Purpose and application

### 1.1

#### 1.1.1 (1/7/2020)

The Rules contained in this Part may be used in the following cases:

- a) Tasneef classification is requested together with conformity to Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended if authorized,
- b) only conformity to Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended is requested.

In case a):

- in addition to the Rules of this Part, those of Parts A, B, C, D and E are also to be applied.
- In case of conflicting requirements the Directive prevails.
- When requested by the Interested Parties, the Rules contained in Part F are also to be applied. In this case for the relevant items (i.e. fire protection and damage stability) the more stringent Rules are to be applied.
- In the above-mentioned case Tasneef will issue a statement of compliance with Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended, in addition to the Certificate of Classification; if authorized.
- However, unless Tasneef is authorised by the Administration, such statement is not a substitute and cannot be used in lieu of the "Community Inland Navigation Certificate" foreseen by the Directive.

In case b):

- only the requirements contained in this Part are to be applied except where there are no specific requirements

in this Part (i.e. structural strength, electrical equipment, etc.), for which the Directive accepts a declaration by an authorised Classification Society and therefore for such items the relevant requirements given in the other Parts of these Rules are to be applied.

- In the above case Tasneef may issue, in addition to the statement of compliance with Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended also the foregoing declaration of conformity to the above-mentioned Parts of these Rules.
- For ships which satisfy the requirements of Part G, a statement certifying compliance with Community Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended will be issued by Tasneef if authorized.
- Unless Tasneef is authorised by the Administration, said statement cannot be used in lieu of the "Community Inland Navigation Certificate" foreseen by the Directive.

## 2 Requirements for ships subject to Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended

### 2.1

#### 2.1.1 (1/1/2022)

The requirements set out in the "European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels" (ES-TRIN) referred to in Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended, are to be complied with.

Note 1: Directive 2016/1629/EU as amended, as of 1 January 2020<sup>2</sup>, refers to ES-TRIN edition 2019<sup>21</sup>/1.