Main Changes
NR467 Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships

The main changes in Bureau Veritas *Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships*, July 2026 edition with respect to the previous edition (January 2026) are as follows.

Rules history

July 2026 edition entry into force on July 1, 2026 Contents	Previous edition: January 2026 entry into force on January 1, 2026 Contents
Part A - Classification and Surveys [NR467 A DT R26 July 2026]	**Part A - Classification and Surveys** [NR467 A DT R25 January 2026]
Part B - Hull and Stability [NR467 B DT R21 July 2026]	**Part B - Hull and Stability** [NR467 B DT R20 January 2026]
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Part D - Service Notations [NR467 D DT R21 July 2026]	**Part D - Service Notations** [NR467 D DT R20 January 2026]
Part E - Service Notations for Offshore/Wind Farm Service Vessels and Tugs [NR467 E DT R12 July 2026]	**Part E - Service Notations for Offshore/Wind Farm Service Vessels and Tugs** [NR467 E DT R11 January 2026]
Part F - Additional Class Notations [NR467 F DT R21 July 2026]	**Part F - Additional Class Notations** [NR467 F DT R20 January 2026]

Part A – Classification and Surveys

Service notations

Existing service notations

Notation	Description	Reference
deck ship	Extension of the application of the additional service feature **equipped for carriage of containers** to ships assigned the service notation **deck ship**	Ch 1, Sec 2, [4.2.8] and Tab 1
high speed craft notations	Deletion of the service notations **high speed craft-CAT A**, **high speed craft-CAT B** and **high speed craft** which co-existed with the service notations **HSC CAT-A**, **HSC CAT-B** and **HSC**	Ch 1, Sec 2, [4.6.1] and Tab 1

Additional class notations

New additional class notations

Notation	Description	Reference
WINDPROPULSION-PREPARED( )	New additional class notation covering ships designed to accommodate the future installation of a wind propulsion system	Ch 1, Sec 2, [6.16.2] and Tab 5

Existing additional class notations

Notation	Description	Reference
ALM-SUBSEA **ALM-EN**	Reorganization of the notation **ALM** which can be completed by the notation **-SUBSEA** and **-EN** Deletion of the notations **ALM-SUBSEA** and **ALM-EN**	Ch 1, Sec 2, [6.15] and Tab 5
ECFP-2 and **ECFP-3**	Indication of the cargo hold flooding levels in a memorandum instead of indicating this information in the notation itself	Ch 1, Sec 2, [6.25.2] and Tab 5

SMART( )	Update of the smart groups designation	Ch 1, Sec 2, [6.8.1]
VeriSTAR-HULL **VeriSTAR-HULL FLM**	Reorganization of the notation **VeriSTAR-HULL** and associated complementary notation.: Definition of the 2 separate additional class notations **VeriSTAR-HULL** and **VeriSTAR-HULL FLM** which can be both completed by the notations **CM** and **FAT** / **FAT xx years**	Ch 1, Sec 2, [6.2.2] and Tab 5
WINDPROPULSION	New additional class notation **WINDPROPULSION**, which may be completed by the complementatry notation **-OPR** Replacing the previous notations **WIND PROPULSION-1** and **WIND PROPULSION-2**	Ch 1, Sec 2, [6.16.1] and Tab 5 Ch 5, Sec 15

Chapter 4 – Scope of Surveys in Respect of the Different Services of Ships

Topic	Description	Reference
Renewal survey of asphalt carriers	New requirements for class renewal survey of asphalt carriers designed with independent tanks	Ch 4, Sec 8, [20]

Part B – Hull and Stability

Chapter 5 – Design Loads

Topic	Description	Reference
Cofferdam of methanol-fuelled ships	Definition of design loads for the structural strength assessment of floodable cofferdams surrounding methanol fuel tanks	Ch 5, Sec 6, [1.5] Sec 7, [2.3]

Chapter 7 – Hull Scantlings

Topic	Description	Reference
Cofferdam of methanol-fuelled ships	Definition of strength criteria covering floodable cofferdams surrounding methanol fuel tanks	Ch 7, Sec 2, Tab 1

Chapter 8 – Direct Strength Analysis

Topic	Description	Reference
Structural analysis report	Deletion of the Article requiring structural analysis report to be submitted	Ch 8, Sec 1
Fine mesh criteria	Update of the fine mesh criteria	Ch 8, App 1, [2.3.2] and [4.1]

Chapter 12 – Hull Outfitting

IACS Unified Requirements, Unified Interpretations & Recommendations

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
UR S10	8	Rudders, Sole Pieces and Rudder Horns	Ch 12, Sec 1, [1.3.3]

Other Changes

Topic	Description	Reference
Design loads for shaft brackets	Update of the definition of the centrifugal force F_c	Ch 12, Symbol

Chapter 13 – Construction and Testing

Topic	Description	Reference
Continuous fillet welding	Update of the list of connections subject to continuous fillet welding	Ch 13, Sec 3, [3.2.4]
Intermittent welding	Update of the requirements for intermittent welding	Ch 13, Sec 3, [3.2.5]
Welding factors	General update of the welding factors	Ch 13, Sec 3, [3.2.6], Tab 2, Tab 3, Tab 4 and Tab 5
Gap	Update of the definition of t_{gap} and definition of requirements for taking a value of gap less than 2mm	Ch 13, Sec 3, Symbols and [3.2.12]

Part C – Machinery, Electricity, Automation, and Fire Protection

Chapter 2 – Electrical Installations

IACS Unified Requirements, Unified Interpretations & Recommendations

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
UR E18	2	Recording of the Type, Location and Maintenance Cycle of Batteries	Ch 2, Sec 7, [1.4.4] Ch 2, Sec 11, [6.7]
UR E15	5	Electrical Services Required to be Operable Under Fire Conditions and Fire Resistant Cables	Ch 2, Sec 9, [2]

Chapter 4 – Fire Protection, Detection and Extinction

IACS Unified Requirements, Unified Interpretations & Recommendations

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
UI SC 160	2	Method IIIC Construction	Ch 4, Sec 3, [4.7.2]

Part D – Service Notations

Chapter 2 – Container Ships

Topic	Description	Reference
Wave loads for containerhsips	Update of the dynamic load cases to be considered for three cargo hold model analysis	Ch 2, Sec 2, Tab 3 and [5.5.1]

Chapter 7 – Oil Tankers and FLS Tankers

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
MSC.1/Circ.1683	22 Jan 2025	Unified interpretations of SOLAS regulation II-2/4.5.6.1, and paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.1.4 and 3.5.3 of the IBC code	Ch 7, Sec 4, [3.4.1] a) and [4.3.2]
MSC.1/Circ.677	1	Revised standards for the design, testing and locating of devices to prevent the passage of flame into cargo tanks in tankers	Ch 7, App 1

Chapter 8 – Chemical Tankers

IMO Requirements

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
MSC.1/Circ.1683	22 Jan 2025	Unified interpretations of SOLAS regulation II-2/4.5.6.1, and paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.1.4 and 3.5.3 of the IBC code	Ch 8, Sec 3, [1.2.1]

Chapter 9 – Liquefied Gas Carriers

IMO Requirements

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
MSC.566(109)	6 Dec 2024	Amendments to the IGC Code	Ch 9, Sec 16, [9.1.2]
MSC.1 Circular	22 May 2026	Interim Guidelines for the use of ammonia cargo as fuel	Ch 9, Sec 16 [1.1] Ch 9, Sec 16, [11]

Other Changes

Topic	Description	Reference
Cargo containment system	Designs with hatch cover insulation space: Full penetration nozzle welds and leak test required	Ch 9, Sec 4, [6.2.2] Ch 9, Sec 4, [6.4.30]

Part E – Service Notations for Offshore/Wind Farm Service Vessels and Tugs

Chapter 2 – Anchor Handling Vessels

Topic	Description	Reference
Certification of anchor handling winch	Clarification of the certification requirements for anchor handling winch	Ch 2, Sec 5, Tab 1
Test loads	Clarification of the tests loads applicable for load test and brake capacity tests at workshop, and for installation tests	Ch 2, Sec 5, [2.4.3], [2.4.4] and [3.1.1]

Part F – Additional Class Notations

Chapter 1 – VeriSTAR System (STAR)

Notation	Description	Reference
VeriSTAR-HULL **VeriSTAR-HULL FLM**	Complete update and re-writing of the requirements for the assignment of the notation **VeriSTAR-HULL** and **VeriSTAR-HULL FLM**	Ch 1, Sec 1

Chapter 4 – Integrated and Digital Systems

Notation	Description	Reference
SYS-NEQ	Implementation of IMO MSC.569(109), Performance standards for (NAVDAT) system (Revision 6 December 2024)	Ch 4, Sec 1, [1.3]
SYS-NEQ-OSV	New Section defining the requirements for the assignment of the notation **SYS-NEQ-OSV** (formally defined in NR633)	Ch 4, Sec 5

Chapter 5 – Monitoring Equipment

Notation	Description	Reference
MON-ICE	New Section defining the requirements for the assignment of the notation **MON-ICE** (formally defined in NR616)	Ch 5, Sec 3

Chapter 6 – Comfort on Board and Habitability

Notation	Description	Reference
COMF	New Implementation of IACS UI SC 304 New related to MSC.337(91) Code on noise levels onboard ships - calibration of sound instruments	Ch 6, Sec 1, [2.1.2] a)

Chapter 12 – Cargo Operation, Securing and Safety

Notation	Description	Reference
LASHING	Update of the allowable compression force for ISO containers	Ch 12, Sec 5, Fig 12
	New specific routes for the additional class notation **LASHING-RSSA**, and new reference ID for all the routes	Ch 12, Sec 5, Tab 1, Tab 10, and Tab 12, and App 1
	Clarification of the test load cases to be used for the approval of lashing software for ships assigned the additional class notations **LASHING-RSSA** and **-WAF**	Ch 12, Sec 5, Tab 2 and [7.4.2]
	Clarification of the lashing arrangements to be considered for the review of the CSAP for ships assigned the additional class notation **LASHING-RSSA**	Ch 12, Sec 5, [1.3]
PAROLL	New Section defining the requirements for the assignment of the notation **PAROLL** (formally defined in NR667)	Ch 12, Sec 6

Chapter 13 – Additional Notation for Fire Protection

Notation	Description	Reference
ECFP-2 and **ECFP-3**	Indication of the cargo hold flooding levers in a memorandum instead of indicating this information in the notation itself	Ch 13, Sec 2, [1.1.2], [3.8.2] and Tab 2

Chapter 15 – Elastic Shaft Alignment and Hydroelasticity

Notation	Description	Reference
ESA	New Chapter 15 and new Section 1 defining the requirements for the assignment of the notation **ESA** (formally defined in NR592)	Ch 15, Sec 1
WhiSp	New Chapter 15 and new Section 2 and Appendix 1 including the requirements for the assignment of the notation **WhiSp** (formally defined in Part D, Chapter 2)	Ch 15, Sec 2 Ch 15, App 1

Chapter 16 – Other Additional Class Notations

Notation	Description	Reference
ASP Compatible Design	Clarification that the initial survey can be performed at yard or during the first loaded voyage	Ch 16, Sec 9, [6]