Main Changes
NR483 Rules for the Classification of Naval Ships

The main changes in Bureau Veritas *Rules for the Classification of Naval Ships*, December 2026 edition with respect to the previous edition (December 2025) are as follows.

Rules history

December 2026 edition entry into force on December 1, 2026 Contents	Previous edition: December 2025 entry into force on December 1, 2025 Contents
Part A - Classification and Surveys [NR483 A DT R08 December 2026]	Part A - Classification and Surveys [NR483 A DT R07 December 2025]
Part B - Hull and Stability [NR483 B DT R08 December 2026]	Part B - Hull and Stability [NR483 B DT R07 December 2025]
Part C - Machinery, Systems and Fire Protection [NR483 C DT R08 December 2026]	Part C - Machinery, Systems and Fire Protection [NR483 C DT R07 December 2025]
Part D - Service Notations [NR483 D DT R08 December 2026]	Part D - Service Notations [NR483 D DT R07 December 2025]
Part E - Additional Class Notations [NR483 E DT R08 December 2026]	Part E - Additional Class Notations [NR483 E DT R07 December 2025]

Part B – Hull and Stability

Chapter 5 – Design Loads

Topic	Description	Reference
Sea pressures	Clarification of the design pressure for sea chests	Sec 5, [4.1.1]

Chapter 8 – Other Structures

Topic	Description	Reference
Watertight and weathertight doors	Clarification of loads and requirements for scantling and testing of watertight and weathertight doors	Sec 7, [1.3], [2], [3], [5] and [6.3.1]
Hatch covers	Clarification of loads and requirements for scantling and testing of hatch covers	Sec 8, [1.5.1], [5.2], [5.4], [6.1.1], [6.2], [6.3.7] and [10]
Helicopter Decks	Update of requirements for structure of helicopter decks, helicopter platforms and hangar decks	Sec 11

Chapter 9 – Hull Outfitting

Topic	Description	Reference
Rudders	Clarification of requirements for fitting of rudder stock conical couplings	Sec 1, [5.1]

Part C – Machinery, Systems and Fire Protection

Chapter 4 – Fire Protection, Detection and Extinction

IMO Requirements

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
MSC.550(108)	23/05/2024	Amendments to chapters II-2 and V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974	Sec 13, [3] and [4.3]
MSC.555(108)	23/05/2024	Amendments to the FSS Code	Sec 14, [9.2] and Tab 3

Part D – Service Notations

Chapter 2 – Aircraft Carrier

Topic	Description	Reference
Aircraft launching and recovery facilities	Clarification of essential services related to aircraft launching and recovery	Sec 3, [6.1.1] and [7.1.1]

Chapter 5 – Amphibious Vessel

IMO Requirements

Ref.	Rev.	Title / Description	Reference
MSC.550(108)	23/05/2024	Amendments to chapters II-2 and V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974	Sec 6, Tab 2