

## Main Changes (NR527) Ships operating in polar waters and icebreakers

The main changes in Bureau Veritas NR527 *Ships operating in polar waters and icebreakers*, January 2026 edition with respect to the previous edition (July 2024) are as follows.

### Rules history

January 2026 edition entry into force on January 1, 2026 Contents	Previous edition: July 2024 entry into force on July 1, 2024 Contents
NR527 - Ships operating in polar waters and icebreakers [NR527 DT R06 January 2026]	NR527 - Rules for the Classification of ships operating in polar waters and icebreakers [NR527 DT R05 July 2024]

### Section 1 – General

Topic	Description	Reference
<b>POLAR CAT</b> additional service features	Clarification of the scope of application of BV additional service features <b>POLAR CAT</b> further to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Amendments to IMO Polar Code as per MSC.538(107)</li><li>- Amendments to SOLAS Ch.XIV as per MSC.532(107)</li></ul>	Sec 1, [1.1.3]

### Section 2 – Structural Requirements for Polar Class Ships and Icebreakers

Topic	Description	Reference
Structural requirements for icebreakers	Update of requirements for Icebreakers	Sec 2, [1]