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**Introduction to  
the Classification Technical Rules**

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## 1. LIST OF CLASSIFICATION TECHNICAL RULES

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Other Rules	Other Guidances
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## 2. USER'S GUIDE TO CLASSIFICATION TECHNICAL RULES

### 2.1 General

- 2.1.1 The purpose of this General has been prepared to introduce kinds, contents and user's guide for Classification Technical Rules published by Korean Register of Shipping (hereinafter called "the Society") to users.
- 2.1.2 Classification Technical Rules published by the Society are grouped into "Rules" and "Guidances" which mean all rules for the classification of ships, offshore installations and related equipment, etc., and "Guidance Relating to the Rules", which is prepared with the intent of giving details as to the treatment of the various provisions for items required the unified interpretations and items not specified in the Rules. The list of Classification Technical Rules is given in 1.
- 2.1.3 Amendments to the Classification Technical Rules that need to be implemented prior to publishing the Classification Technical Rules are issued without a printed copy of the entire Rules or the Guidances.

### 2.2 User's Guide

#### 2.2.1 Enforcement

Classification Technical Rules, in principle, shall come into force after 3 months from the approved date and "Amendments and Effective Date" is recorded at the beginning of each Classification Technical Rules for ready use.

#### 2.2.2 Format

"Rules for Steel Ships" are composed of 15 kinds and "Guidances for Steel Ships" are composed of 12 kinds.

"Rules for Offshore Structures" are composed of 3 kinds and "Guidances for Offshore Structures" are composed of 6 kinds.

"Other Rules" are composed of 8 kinds and "Other Guidances" are composed of 6 kinds.

"Other Guidance" is composed of 36 kinds

### 2.3 Numbering System

#### 2.3.1 "Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships" and "Guidance Relating to the Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships"

- (1) In principle, the text consists of Part, Chapter, Section, Article, Paragraph, Sub-paragraph, (A), (a) and (i).
- (2) An article consists of a section number and serial number, and the hundred means section number and the rest means serial number.  
(e.g.) For eleventh article in **Section 2 ; 211.**
- (3) The number of a figure or a table consists of part, chapter and serial number in each

chapter.

The figure number is placed in the center under the figure, and the table number is placed in the top left hand corner of the table.

(e.g.) For eighth figure in **Chapter 7 of Part 3; Fig 3.7.8**

For second table in **Chapter 1 of Part 5; Table 5.1.2**

### 2.3.2 Other Rules and Other Guidance

The same as 2.3.1

### 2.3.3 Classification Rules other than 2.3.1 and 2.3.2

(1) In principle, the text consists of Chapter, Section, Article, Paragraph, Sub-paragraph, (A), (a) and (i).

(2) The remainder are the same as those specified in 2.3.1. The number of a figure or of a table consists of chapter and serial number in each chapter.

(e.g.) For ninth figure in **Chapter 3; Fig 3.9**

For tenth table in **Chapter 3; Table 3.10.**

## 2.4 Cross-Reference to Articles and Paragraphs

### 2.4.1 "Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships" and "Guidance Relating to the Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships"

(1) Where a paragraph in any chapter is quoted from an other chapter in the same part, the chapter, relevant article and paragraph are written in sequence.

(e.g.) For rules: in **Ch 1, 201. 1 (1)**, or in **Ch 1, 201. 1 (1)** of the Guidance.

For guidances: in **Ch 1, 201.1(1)** of the Rules, or in **Ch 1, 201.1(1)** of the Guidance.

(2) Where a paragraph in any part is quoted from an other part, the part, chapter, relevant article and paragraph are written in sequence.

(e.g.) For rules: in **Pt 1, Ch 1, 201. 1 (1)**, or in **Pt 1, Ch 1, 201. 1 (1)** of the Guidance.

For guidances: in **Pt 1, Ch 1, 201. 1 (1)** of the Rules, or in **Pt 1, Ch 1, 201. 1 (1)** of the Guidance.

### 2.4.2 Classification Rules other than 2.4.1

Where the contents of any rules are quoted in the rules other than 2.4.1, the names of the rules, part, chapter, relevant article and paragraph are written.

(e.g.) Where **Pt 1, Ch 2, 202.** of "Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships" is quoted in "Rules for the Classification of Steel Barges"; **Pt 1, Ch 2, 202.** of **Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships.**

## 2.5 Cross-Reference to Figures and Tables

### 2.5.1 "Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships" and "Guidance relating to the Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships"

(1) Where a figure or a table in any chapter is quoted from an other chapter in the same part, the number of the figure (or the table) is written.

(e.g.) For rules: in **Fig 2.1.1 (or Table 2.1.1)**, or in **Fig 2.1.1 (or Table 2.1.1)** of the Guidance.

For guidances: in **Fig 2.1.1** (or **Table 2.1.1**) of the Rules, or in **Fig 2.1.1** (or **Table 2.1.1**) of the Guidance.

(2) Where a figure or a table is quoted from an other part, the part and the number of the figure (or the table) are written.

(e.g.) For rules: in **Pt 2, Fig 2.1.1** (or **Table 2.1.1**), or in **Pt 2, Fig 2.1.1** (or **Table 2.1.1**) of the Guidance.

For guidances: in **Pt 2, Fig 2.1.1** (or **Table 2.1.1**) of the Rules, or in **Pt 2, Fig 2.1.1** (or **Table 2.1.1**) of the Guidance.

### 2.5.2 Classification Rules other than 2.5.1

Where a figure or a table of any rules is quoted in the rules other than **2.5.1**, the name of the rules, the part and the number of the figure (or the table) are written.

(e.g.) Where **Pt 3, Fig 3.3.1** (or **Table 3.3.1**) of "Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships" is quoted in "Rules for the Classification of Steel Barges": in **Pt 3, Fig 3.3.1** (or **Table 3.3.1**) of **Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships**.

## 2.6 Units

The SI-units (International System of Units) shown in **4.** are generally used in Classification Rules. However, the MKS-units (Metric System of Units) may be used together with SI-units, at the discretion of the Society. ↓

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1. Firms engaged in thickness measurements on ships or mobile offshore units (Z17 Annex1-1)
2. Firms engaged in tightness testing of closing appliances such as hatches, doors etc. with ultrasonic equipment(Z17 Annex 1-2)
3. Firms carrying out an in-water survey on ships and mobile offshore units by diver or Remotely Operated Vehicle(ROV)(Z17 Annex 1-3)
4. Firms engaged in inspection and maintenance of fire extinguishing equipment & systems and self contained breathing apparatus(Z17 Annex 1-4 & Annex 1-7)
5. Firms engaged in servicing life saving appliances(Z17 Annex 1-5 & Annex1-13)
6. Firms engaged in inspections and testing of radio communication equipment (Z17 Annex 1-6)
7. Firms engaged in examination of Ro-Ro ships bow, stern, side and inner doors (Z17 Annex 1-8)
8. Firms engaged in annual performance testing of Voyage Data Recorders(VDR) and simplified Voyage Data Recorders(S-VDR)(Z17 Annex 1-9)
9. Firms engaged in inspections of low location lighting systems using photo luminescent materials and evacuation guidance system used as an alternative to low-location lighting system(Z17 Annex 1-10)
10. Firms engaged in sound pressure level measurements of public address and general alarm systems on board ships(Z17 Annex 1-11)
11. Firms engaged in testing of coating system in accordance with IMO Res.MSC. 215(82) as amended and IACS UI SC223 and/or MSC. 288(87) as amended (Z17 Annex 1-12)
12. Firms engaged in measurements of Noise level Onboard Ships(Z17 Annex 1-14)
13. Firms engaged in tightness testing of primary and secondary barriers of gas carriers with membrane cargo containment systems for vessels in service (Z17 Annex 1-15)
14. Firms engaged in survey using Remote Inspection Techniques(RIT) as alternative means for Close-up Survey of the structure of ships and mobile offshore units(Z17 Annex 1-16)
15. Firms engaged in cable transit seal systems inspection of on ships and mobile offshore units(Z17 Annex 1-17)
16. Firms engaged in Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Management Systems(BWMS) units (Z17 Annex 1-18)

#### **Appendix Part B Approval of Service Suppliers listed in IACS UR W35**

1. Independent NDT company or NDT department/section that forms a part of a shipbuilding company providing NDT services on ship and/or offshore components/structures

#### **Appendix Part C Approval of Service Suppliers not listed in IACS UR Z17**

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## 4. CONVERSION TABLE OF SI UNITS

Quantity	SI Unit	Other Unit	Remarks
mass	kg	t	$1 \text{ t} = 10^3 \text{ kg}$
density (mass density)	$\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$	-	-
moment of inertia	$\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$	-	-
force	N	kgf	$1 \text{ kgf} = 9.81 \text{ N}$
moment (torque)	N-m	kgf-m	$1 \text{ kgf-m} = 9.81 \text{ N-m}$
stress	Pa or $\text{N}/\text{m}^2$	$\text{kgf}/\text{mm}^2$	$1 \text{ kgf}/\text{mm}^2 = 9.81 \text{ N}/\text{mm}^2 = 9.81 \text{ MPa}$
pressure	Pa	$\text{kgf}/\text{cm}^2$ or bar	$1 \text{ kgf}/\text{cm}^2 = 0.981 \text{ bar} = 98.1 \text{ kPa}$
work energy	J	kgf-m	$1 \text{ kgf-m} = 9.81 \text{ J}$
electric potential	J	kW-h	$1 \text{ kW-h} = 3.6 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$
power	W	PS	$1 \text{ PS} = 735.5 \text{ W}$
temperature	K or $^{\circ}\text{C}$	C	$x^{\circ}\text{C} = (x + 273.15) \text{ K}$
quantity of heat	J	cal or kcal	$1 \text{ kcal} = 4.19 \text{ kJ}$
heat flow rate	W	kcal/h	$1 \text{ kcal/h} = 1.16 \text{ W}$
frequency	Hz	-	-
rotational frequency	$\text{s}^{-1}$	$\text{min}^{-1}(\text{rpm})$	$\text{rpm} = 60 / \text{s}$
velocity	m/s	knot	$1 \text{ knot} = 1852 \text{ m/h}$
plane angle	rad	$^{\circ}$ , $'$ , $"$	$1^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ rad}$

## 5. LOAD LINE MARKS

(1) Assignment of Load Line

The Society is authorized to assign Load Lines to vessels registered by the Korean Government and other Governments.

(2) Load Line Mark for Ocean Going Vessels without Timber Load Line

The centre of the ring is to be placed on each side of the ship at the middle of the length as defined in the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966. The ring, lines and letters are to be painted in white or yellow on a dark ground or in black on a light ground. They are also to be permanently marked on the sides of the ship as shown in **Fig 1**.

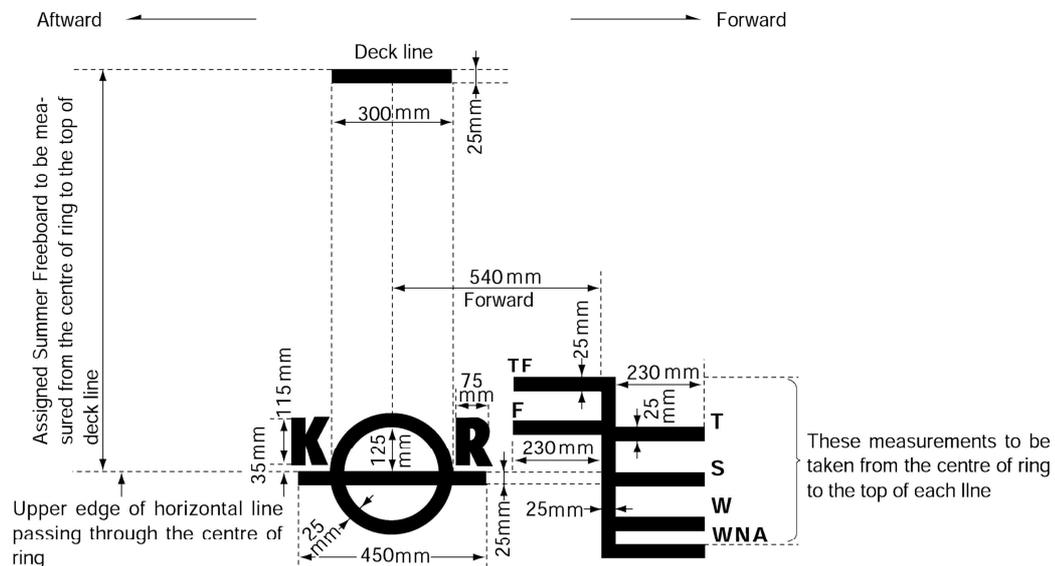
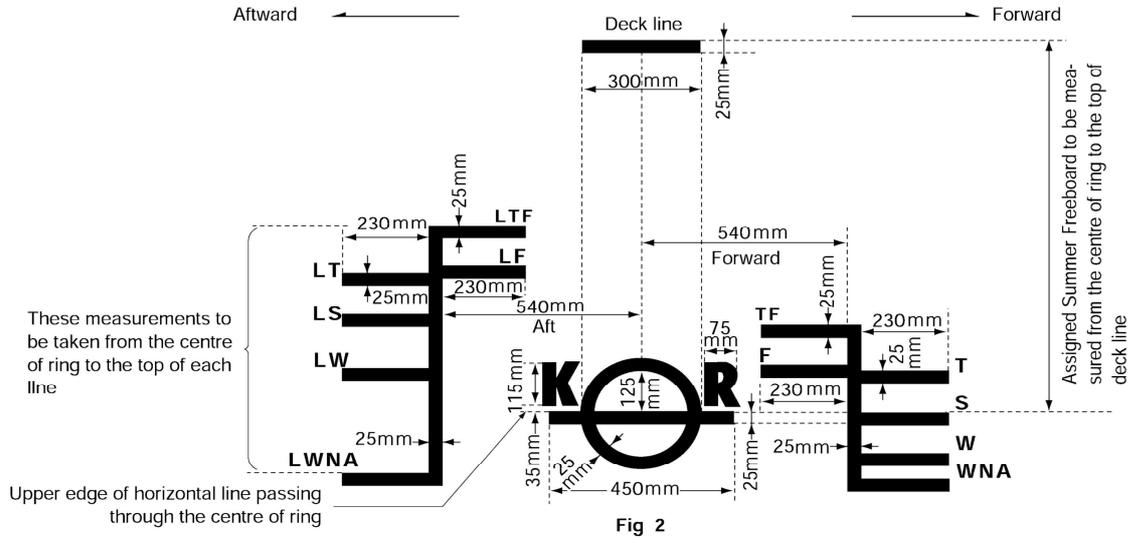


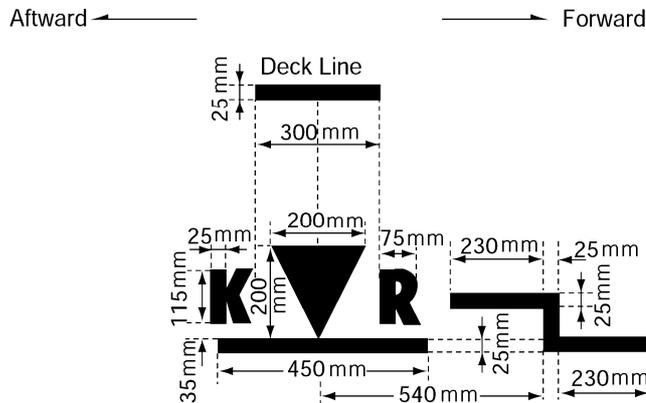
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(3) Load Line Mark for Ocean Going Vessels with Timber Load Line

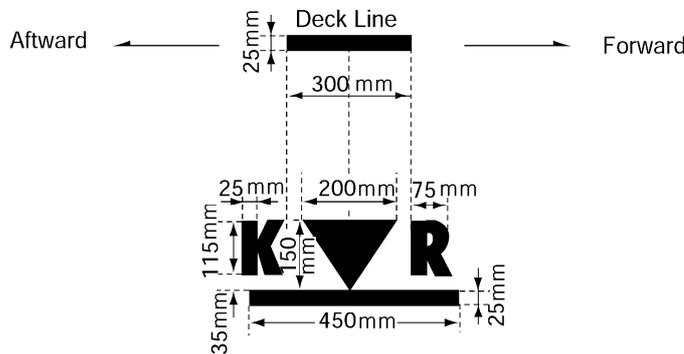
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(4) For Korean flagged vessels which are over 12 m and for domestic voyage, the load line mark is to be as shown in Fig 3 Marking method refers to (2). However, for the vessels navigating solely on lakes and rivers sub-paragraph (5) may be applied.



(5) For Korean flagged passenger vessels and dangerous cargo carriers which are less than 12 m in length and for domestic voyage, the load line mark is to be as shown in Fig 4 Marking method refers to (2).





- (7) For Korean flagged high speed crafts which are less than 12 m in length and for domestic voyage, the load line mark is to be as shown in Fig 6 Marking method refers to (2).

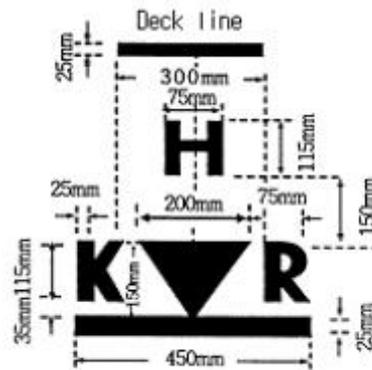


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- (8) For Korean flagged high speed crafts which are over 12 m in length and for domestic voyage, the load line mark is to be as shown in Fig 7 Marking method refers to (2).

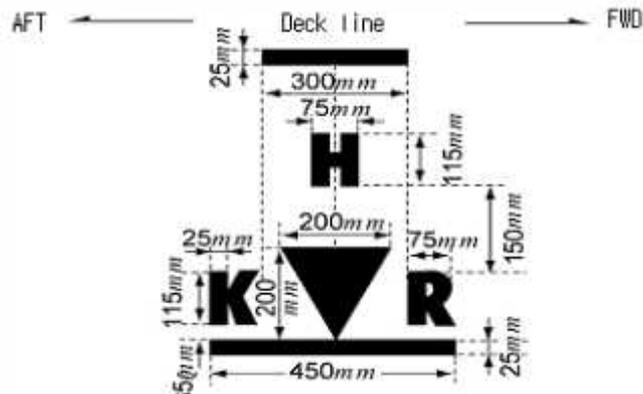


Fig 7

- (9) For high speed craft subject to 2000 HSC Code engaged in international voyage, the load line mark is to be as shown in **Fig 8** Marking method refers to (2).

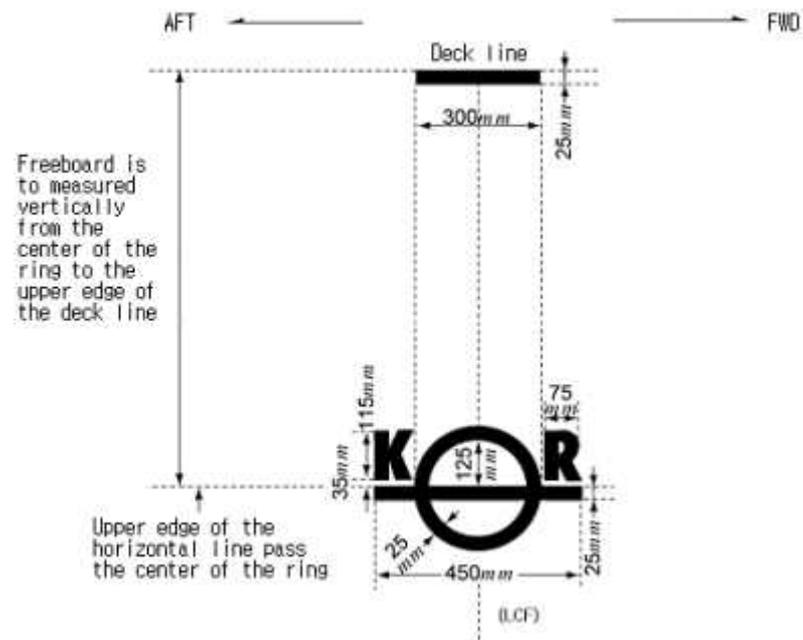


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