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# Amended Guidance for Approval of Service Suppliers

(For external opinion inquiry)



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## – Main Amendments –

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● Reflecting IACS UR Z17(Rev.19 Oct 2024 & Rev.20 Nov 2024)

● Reflecting the admendment request by the Survey Team

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● Reflecting IACS UR Z17(Rev.21 Jan 2025)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 1 &lt;omitted&gt; Section 2 Approval and Certification</p> <p>201. Procedure for approval and certification</p> <p>1. ~ 3. &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p>4. Certification</p> <p>Certification is conditional on a “practical demonstration”* of the performance of the specific service as well as satisfactory reporting being carried out.</p> <p>(1) At initial audits, when the service supplier is already certified by other <u>QSCS certified Society</u> according to the provision of this Guidance(or UR Z17), this may be verified through documentary review that a practical demonstration has already been carried out.</p> <p>(2) At renewal audits, verification by documentary review of jobs undertaken since the previous audit and that have been accepted by a <u>QSCS certified Society</u> is acceptable and is sufficient to satisfy this requirement. (2023)</p> <p>*Note : practical demonstration (2022) <u>Practical demonstration, including satisfactory reporting, shall be carried out at the presence of society’s surveyor to verify that the supplier provides adequate service competence specified in the documentations submitted.</u></p> <p><u>However, in case of renewal audit, a part or the whole of it may be dispensed with subject to confirm the evidence of performance verified by class surveyor.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 1 &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt; Section 2 Approval and Certification</p> <p>201. Procedure for approval and certification</p> <p>1. ~ 3. &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p>4. Certification (2026)</p> <p>Certification is conditional on a “practical demonstration”* of the performance of the specific service as well as satisfactory reporting being carried out.</p> <p>(1) At initial audits, when the service supplier is already certified by other <del>QSCS certified</del> Society <u>subject to verification of compliance with QSCS(Quality System Certification Scheme—hereinafter called the QSCS) in accordance with Section 5 of Annex 1 to the QSCS</u> according to the provision of this Guidance(or UR Z17), this may be verified through documentary review that a practical demonstration has already been carried out. (2026)</p> <p>(2) At renewal audits, verification by documentary review of jobs undertaken since the previous audit and that have been accepted by a <del>QSCS certified</del> Society <u>subject to verification of compliance with the QSCS in accordance with Section 5 of Annex 1 to the QSCS</u> is acceptable and is sufficient to satisfy this requirement. (2026)</p> <p>* Note : <u>Details related to practical demonstration are to be followed for the separate requirements as specified by the Society. (2026)</u> <del>Practical demonstration, including satisfactory reporting, shall be carried out at the presence of society’s surveyor to verify that the supplier provides adequate service competence specified in the documentations submitted.</del></p> <p><del>However, in case of renewal audit, a part or the whole of it may be dispensed with subject to confirm the evidence of performance verified by class surveyor.</del></p>	<p>– Reflecting 5.4 of IACS Z17 (Rev.20 Nov 2024) : the term related to QSCS was amended for clarity</p> <p>– At the request of the Survey Team letter(SUR3000–2110–2024, 12 Dec. 2024) In case of the deleted sentences, they are not included in IACS UR Z17 but included in the internal Instructions.</p>

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<p>(3) <u>The assigned surveyor submits the following data as a result of practical demonstration to survey team with a copy of the checklist, non-conformity report.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>Initial audit : Pictorial data(a photo or a movie), A sample of service report</u>  <u>In case of initial audit, if it is difficult to carry out the practical demonstration, a result of practical demonstration verified by IACS members, which was verified its conformity to QSCS, may be accepted. Furthermore, if the company used to be approved by KR, the practical demonstration may be exempted based on the evidences which are required in renewal audit.</u></p> <p><u>When a result of practical demonstration verified by IACS members is not confirmed at the initial audit for firm engaged in thickness measurement on ships or mobile off-shore unit, the practical demonstration shall be conducted onboard KR classed vessel.</u></p> <p>(B) <u>Renewal audit : A copy of the latest previous service report which was provided to KR classed vessel within recent 3 years</u>  <u>In case of renewal audit, if the service report does not exists due to the service supplier has provided no services, the assigned surveyor accepts the service report verified by IACS members, which was verified its conformity to QSCS, or requires the service supplier a practical demonstration and submits the data in (a)of the above to survey team and keep the original data in the branch office.</u></p>	<p><del>(3) The assigned surveyor submits the following data as a result of practical demonstration to survey team with a copy of the checklist, non-conformity report.</del></p> <p><del>(A) Initial audit : Pictorial data(a photo or a movie), A sample of service report</del>  <del>In case of initial audit, if it is difficult to carry out the practical demonstration, a result of practical demonstration verified by IACS members, which was verified its conformity to QSCS, may be accepted. Furthermore, if the company used to be approved by KR, the practical demonstration may be exempted based on the evidences which are required in renewal audit.</del></p> <p><del>When a result of practical demonstration verified by IACS members is not confirmed at the initial audit for firm engaged in thickness measurement on ships or mobile off-shore unit, the practical demonstration shall be conducted onboard KR classed vessel.</del></p> <p><del>(B) Renewal audit : A copy of the latest previous service report which was provided to KR classed vessel within recent 3 years</del>  <del>In case of renewal audit, if the service report does not exists due to the service supplier has provided no services, the assigned surveyor accepts the service report verified by IACS members, which was verified its conformity to QSCS, or requires the service supplier a practical demonstration and submits the data in (a)of the above to survey team and keep the original data in the branch office.</del></p>	<p>– At the request of the Survey Team letter(SUR3000-2110-2024, 12 Dec. 2024)</p> <p>In case of the deleted sentences, they are not included in IACS UR Z17 but included in the internal Instructions.</p>

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<p data-bbox="98 225 1012 288">Appendix Part A – Approval of Service Suppliers listed in IACS UR Z17</p> <p data-bbox="98 328 1012 432">Section 16. Firms engaged in Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS) (Z17 Annex 1–18) (2022)</p> <p data-bbox="98 483 450 512">1601. ~ 1602. &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="98 523 315 552">1603. Operators</p> <p data-bbox="125 572 1012 724">1. Service Suppliers are expected to be able to perform both the biological sampling and assessment of self-monitoring parameters and has responsibility for document that the requirements to the operator are satisfied. Therefore, operators who conduct commissioning testing are to:</p> <p data-bbox="159 735 434 764">(1) ~ (2) &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="159 767 1012 951">(3) Have knowledge of IMO BWM.2/Circ.70/Rev.1, as may be amended – 'Guidance for the Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Management Systems' and IMO BWM.2/Circ.42/Rev.2 – 'Guidance on Ballast Water Sampling and Analysis for Trial Use in accordance with the BWM Convention and Guidelines (G2)', as may be amended;</p> <p data-bbox="159 1011 483 1040">(4) ~ (10) : &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="98 1075 450 1104">1604. ~ 1606. &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="98 1117 472 1145">1607. Reference Documents</p> <p data-bbox="125 1166 1012 1225">1. The Service Supplier is to have access to the following documents, as may be amended: (2023)</p> <p data-bbox="159 1236 434 1265">(1) ~ (6) &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="159 1268 1012 1362">(7) IMO Resolution A.1156(32) – Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certifications (HSSC), as amended (for BWMS that were Type Approved to the 2016 G8)</p> <p data-bbox="188 1398 371 1426">&lt;newly added&gt;</p>	<p data-bbox="1039 225 1930 288">Appendix Part A – Approval of Service Suppliers listed in IACS UR Z17</p> <p data-bbox="1039 328 1908 432">Section 16. Firms engaged in Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS) (Z17 Annex 1–18) (2022)</p> <p data-bbox="1039 467 1697 496">1601. ~ 1602. &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="1039 509 1256 537">1603. Operators</p> <p data-bbox="1066 558 1930 710">1. Service Suppliers are expected to be able to perform both the biological sampling and assessment of self-monitoring parameters and has responsibility for document that the requirements to the operator are satisfied. Therefore, operators who conduct commissioning testing are to:</p> <p data-bbox="1099 721 1659 750">(1) ~ (2) &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="1099 753 1930 1000">(3) Have knowledge of IMO BWM.2/Circ.70/Rev.1, <del>as may be amended</del> – 'Guidance for the Commissioning Testing of Ballast Water Management Systems', <a href="#">IACS Recommendation 180 'Recommendation for conducting commissioning testing of Ballast Water Management Systems'</a> and IMO BWM.2/Circ.42/Rev.2 – 'Guidance on Ballast Water Sampling and Analysis for Trial Use in accordance with the BWM Convention and Guidelines (G2)', as may be amended; <a href="#">(2026)</a></p> <p data-bbox="1099 1029 1697 1058">(4) ~ (10) : &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="1039 1102 1675 1131">1604. ~ 1606. &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="1039 1144 1417 1173">1607. Reference Documents</p> <p data-bbox="1066 1193 1930 1252">1. The Service Supplier is to have access to the following documents, as may be amended: (2023)</p> <p data-bbox="1099 1264 1659 1292">(1) ~ (6) &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p data-bbox="1099 1295 1930 1390">(7) IMO Resolution A.1156(32) – Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certifications (HSSC), as amended (for BWMS that were Type Approved to the 2016 G8)</p> <p data-bbox="1099 1393 1930 1452">(8) <a href="#">IACS Recommendation 180 'Recommendation for conducting commissioning testing of Ballast Water Management Systems' (2026)</a></p>	<p data-bbox="1957 762 2132 946">– Reflecting 18.3, Annex 1 of IACS Z17 (Rev.19 Oct 2024)</p> <p data-bbox="1957 1302 2132 1445">– Reflecting 18.7, Annex 1 of IACS Z17 (Rev.19 Oct 2024)</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appendix Part A – Approval of Service Suppliers listed in IACS UR Z17</b></p> <p><b>Section 12 Firms engaged in measurements of Noise level Onboard Ships (Z17 Annex 1–14)</b></p> <p>1201. ~ 1203. &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p><b>1204. Equipment</b></p> <p>1. ~ 3. &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p>4. Calibration</p> <p><u>Sound Calibrator and sound level meter shall be verified at least every two years by a national Standard laboratory or a competent laboratory accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025:2017, as amended. (2023)</u></p> <p>A record with a complete description of the equipment used shall be kept, including a calibration log.</p> <p>5. &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p><b>1205. Procedures and instructions</b></p> <p>1. &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p>2. The Service Supplier shall have access to the following documents:</p> <p>(1) ~ (2) &lt;omitted&gt;</p> <p>(3) Res.A.343(IX) Recommendation on methods of measuring noise levels at listening posts <u>&lt;newly added&gt;</u></p> <p>(4) The Society’s Rules and Guidelines</p> <p>&lt;hereinafter, omitted&gt;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appendix Part A – Approval of Service Suppliers listed in IACS UR Z17</b></p> <p><b>Section 12 Firms engaged in measurements of Noise level Onboard Ships (Z17 Annex 1–14)</b></p> <p>1201. ~ 1203. &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p><b>1204. Equipment</b></p> <p>1. ~ 3. &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p>4. Calibration</p> <p><u>The edition of the calibration standard is to correspond with the edition of the manufacturing standard for the instruments.</u> Sound Calibrator and sound level meter shall be verified at least every two years by a national Standard laboratory or a competent laboratory accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025:2017, as amended. <u>The calibration of sound calibrators should be carried out in accordance with IEC 60942 Appendix B, whilst the calibration of sound level meters is to be in accordance with IEC 61672–3. (2026)</u></p> <p>A record with a complete description of the equipment used shall be kept, including a calibration log.</p> <p>5. &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p><b>1205. Procedures and instructions</b></p> <p>1. &lt;same as the current Guidance&gt;.</p> <p>2. The Service Supplier shall have access to the following documents:</p> <p>(1) ~ (2) &lt;Same as the current Guidance&gt;</p> <p>(3) Res.A.343(IX) Recommendation on methods of measuring noise levels at listening posts</p> <p><u>(4) IMO MSC.1/Circ.1509 Unified Interpretations of the Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships (Resolution MSC.337(91)), as amended. (2026)</u></p> <p><u>(5) <del>(4)</del> The Society’s Rules and Guidelines</u></p> <p>&lt;hereinafter, same as the current Guidance&gt;</p>	<p>– Reflecting 14.4.4, Annex 1 of IACS Z17 (Rev.21 Jan 2025)</p> <p>– Reflecting 14.5.2, Annex 1 of IACS Z17 (Rev.21 Jan 2024)</p> <p>– Adjusting the Number</p>