

ACCEPTANCE OF APPROVALS OF SERVICE SUPPLIERS BY ANOTHER IACS MEMBER

1. Acceptance of Statutory Service Suppliers:

The IACS Unified Requirement UR Z17.1.2 states:

"Where such services are used by Surveyors in making decisions affecting statutory certifications, the firms are subject to approval by the Society where the Society is so authorized by the relevant flag Administration. For such services the Society may accept approvals done by the flag Administration itself or duly authorized organizations on behalf of the flag Administration." (i.e. the flag of the ship on which the servicing is to be done or the serviced equipment is to be used).

In other words, where the IACS Member Society is authorized by the flag Administration to carry out statutory surveys and that flag Administration has approved the supplier, the Society may accept that approval. The Society may also accept approval of another IACS Member Society when both parties are authorized to conduct statutory surveys on behalf of an Administration. However, whether to accept the approval of other Members is always subject to individual Societies' consideration on a case by case basis taking into account paragraph 1.2 of Z 17.

An example of a statutory service supplier would be a liferaft servicing station - see UR Z17 for more examples.

The Members of IACS have confirmed that they do not wish to amend the current provision of UR Z 17.

2. Acceptance of Classification Service Suppliers

It is the prerogative of the Member Society classing the ship to choose to accept or not the certification of a service supplier by another Society, in so far as classification is concerned. No change is anticipated in the near future in the fundamental issue and policy in this regard.

It is suggested that service suppliers contact the relevant Classification Societies to determine whether or to what extent those Societies are prepared to accept

certification carried out by other Member Societies, or to what extent the Society is amenable to having another Society, with which it may have a bilateral agreement, attend on its behalf when certifying a classification related service supplier.

An example of such a service would be thickness measurement - see UR Z17 for more examples.