

CLASSIFICATION NEWS

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SURVEY ALERT Postponement of Special and Docking Surveys

APPLICABILITY All owners and operators of Lloyd's Register classed ships

INFORMATION Lloyd's Register's Classification Regulations require a minimum of two Docking Surveys to be held in each five-year Special Survey period; the maximum interval between successive Docking Surveys is not to exceed three years. One of the two Docking Surveys required in each five-year period must coincide with the Special Survey.

Postponement of surveys

In exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to an extension of the deadline for Special and Docking Surveys for a maximum period of three months beyond the due date. Requests for postponements must be made before the survey becomes due.

If a postponement is granted, the ship must be placed under survey by the end of the postponement period. No further postponements beyond the maximum of three months can be allowed.

In order to obtain postponement for Docking Surveys, shipowners must also obtain flag state agreement. In such cases, state agreement is requested in accordance with IMO Resolution A 883 (21) and the Protocol of 1988 for harmonised certification.

In all cases, the Annual Survey should be completed by the due date and must be completed by the end of the range date. Annual Surveys **cannot** be postponed.

Suspension of class

Class will be automatically suspended and the Certificate of Class will become invalid if the Annual or Intermediate Survey is not completed within three months of the survey due date.

Class will be automatically suspended from the expiry date of the Certificate of Class if the Special Survey has not been completed by the due date and an extension has not been agreed, or if the vessel is not under attendance by the surveyors with a view to completion prior to resuming trading.

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