
No.41 Reporting on existence of asbestos on board

(May 2022)

1. Objective

The purpose of this Procedural Requirement is to ensure that the Organisation responsible for the issue of the Passenger Ship Safety Certification (PSSC), Cargo Ship Safety Construction (SAFCON) Certification or Cargo Ship Safety Certification (CSSC) of the ship and the flag Administration, as appropriate, are notified when the existence of asbestos on board is identified by another Class Society who carries out a survey or audit onboard, for example IHM, ISM or MLC.

2. Scope and application

2.1 This document describes the procedure for reporting on the existence of asbestos on board during a survey or audit onboard, for example IHM, ISM or MLC and the subsequent action to be taken, when the PSSC, SAFCON Certification or CSSC is not issued by the same entity.

2.2 If the asbestos was already identified and following actions are in due course according to the ship's Safety Management System with documented evidence informed to Classification society or flag Administration stated in para.5.2, this Procedural Requirement is not needed to be followed.

2.3 The obligation of this procedure applies to Classification Societies which are subject to verification of compliance with QSCS.

3. Definitions

3.1 Where the term 'asbestos' is used in this procedure, it is interchangeable with 'asbestos containing material' (ACMs) or 'materials containing asbestos' as described in SOLAS 1974 regulation II-1/3-5, MSC.1/Circ.1374 or MSC.1/Circ.1426/Rev.1. For the purposes of the procedures, 'presumed asbestos containing materials' (PACMs) are to be treated the same as ACMs.

3.2 "IHM survey" means the survey for certification of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) under either the Hong Kong International Convention For The Safe And Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, or EU Regulation 1257/2013.

3.3 "Report" means the documentation completed by the surveyor. The Report may be in any format decided by the Classification Society, but must contain, as a minimum, the information shown in Annex 1.

4. When to complete the report

4.1 When the existence of asbestos is identified during a survey or audit onboard, a Report containing as a minimum the information shown in Annex 1 is to be completed by the surveyor/auditor/inspector.

Note:

1. This Procedural Requirement applies from 1 January 2023.

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5. Reporting

5.1 The Report shall be given to the Master or company for their consultation with the Classification Society responsible for the issue of the PSSC, SAFCON Certification or CSSC of the ship, and/or the flag Administration.

5.2 The surveyor/auditor/inspector shall send the Report to either:

- a. the Classification Society that issues the PSSC, SAFCON Certification or CSSC and to the flag Administration of the ship if specifically required and in accordance with the flag Administration requirements. The contact details of the Classification Society can be found on the IACS website: www.iacs.org.uk, located under: PR17 and PR18 Contact Details, or
- b. the flag Administration, if the PSSC, SAFCON or CSSC survey, as appropriate, is carried out by the flag Administration.

The Report is to be forwarded within 10 working days from the completion date of survey/ audit/ inspection regardless of whether or not the asbestos is judged to be prohibited by SOLAS.

If for any reason the Report is not sent within 10 working days, the Classification Society shall document reasons for the delay.

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Annex 1**Minimum contents of the Report on existence of asbestos on board**

The report shall have a title.

1. Identification of ship:

- IMO number
- Ship name
- Flag
- DOC (Company)

2. Identification of Survey

- Date
- Place
- Name of Classification Society that carried out the Survey/Audit
- The entity responsible for Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC), if applicable
- IHM Identification/verification number, if applicable

3. Identification of PSSC, CSSC or SAFCON certificate issuer:

4. Details of the existence (newly identified only):

- Name of equipment, machinery or material
- Location
- Quantity
- Other

5. Action Taken

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