Classification Alert: Enhanced Survey Programme (ESP) – a reminder of survey planning document requirements (Lloyd's Register's Rules and Regulations Part 1, Chapter 3, Section 1.6.11)

Applicability: All owners, operators and managers of Lloyd's Register classed ships with the ESP notation

This Classification News is a reminder that the ESP survey planning document is to be submitted to LR in a written format at least six months in advance of Intermediate and Special Surveys. The survey programme at Intermediate Survey may consist of the programme agreed for the previous Special Survey supplemented by the Executive Hull Summary of that Special Survey and later relevant survey reports.

IMO Resolution A.744(18) – Guidelines on the Enhanced Programme of Inspection During Surveys for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers – requires that a specific survey programme should be worked out in advance of the renewal survey by the owner in co-operation with the administration. The survey programme should be in a written format based on the information in annex 6A.

The survey programme is to be submitted in a written format before the commencement of any part of the Special Survey and also Intermediate Survey on ESP ships over 10 years of age.

Before survey, the surveyor will examine the completeness of the documentation on board and its contents as a basis for the survey. The survey will not commence until a survey programme has been agreed.

ESP Ships with incomplete ESP documentation may be subject to operational controls by port state control officers (PSCOs). The actions of the PSCO may range from recording a deficiency and instructing the Master to rectify it within a certain period, to detaining the ship until deficiencies have been rectified.

Further guidance
For further guidance on ESP go to www.lr.org/ESP
For further guidance on thickness measurement go to www.lr.org/TM

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