

The Effect of IMO Goal-based Standards on Classification Societies

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The presentation gives a brief overview about the traditional relationship between IMO and classification societies, including relevant provisions in IMO instruments like the SOLAS Convention, Assembly resolutions and circulars concerning the authorization of recognized organizations acting on behalf of maritime Administrations. This will be followed by a summary of IMO's on-going work on goal-based new ship construction standards (GBS), paying special attention to the role and place of classification societies/recognized organizations in the GBS framework as agreed so far.