



GUIDE FOR THE CLASS NOTATION

COATING PERFORMANCE STANDARD (CPS)

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Foreword

The Guide specifies the criteria for the class notation **CPS** (Coating Performance Standard), based on compliance with IMO Resolution MSC.215(82) *Performance Standard for Protective Coatings for Dedicated Seawater Ballast Tanks in all Types of Ships and Double-Side Skin Spaces of Bulk Carriers* (IMO PSPC-SWBT), as interpreted by IACS Unified Interpretations (UI) SC223, SC227 and SC226.2.

The class notation **CPS** has been developed with the objective of promoting the effective application of the IMO PSPC-SWBT on ABS-classed vessels. In applying IACS UI SC223 for the ABS CPS notation, “Administration” is to be read to be “ABS”. For issuance of the ABS CPS Notation, ABS type-Approved coating system(s) is required.

The following is scope of the ABS **CPS** Notation:

- i) The ABS **CPS** Notation is mandatory for ABS-classed Common Structural Rules (CSR) vessels contracted for construction between the builder and the owner on or after 8 December 2006.
- ii) The ABS **CPS** Notation is optional for all other ABS-classed vessels contracted for construction between the builder and the owner on or after 8 December 2006 and subject to owner’s request.

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