



**All Respectful ICS Surveyors**

With my gratitude, respectfully,  
This is to enunciate that from 3 June 2011, Polish Register of Shipping has been admitted as the 13<sup>th</sup> member of International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

Therefore the latest list of IACS members is as the following:

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| ○ ABS  | ○ DNV |
| ○ LR   | ○ GL  |
| ○ NK   | ○ BV  |
| ○ RINA | ○ KR  |
| ○ CCS  | ○ RS  |
| ○ IR   | ○ CRS |
| ○ PRS  |       |

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**کلیه بازرسان محترم موسسه**

با سلام

احتراماً بدینوسیله باستحضار می‌رساند، از تاریخ ۱۳ خرداد ۱۳۹۰ موسسه رده بندی لهستان (PRS) به عنوان سیزدهمین عضو انجمن بین المللی موسسات رده بندی پذیرفته شده است. بدین ترتیب آخرین لیست اعضای انجمن بین المللی موسسات رده بندی بدین صورت می باشد:

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| ○ IR   | ○ CRS |
| ○ PRS  |       |

در برگ پیوست این بخشنامه در خصوص این موضوع توضیحات اجمالی ارائه شده است.

نسخه الکترونیکی بخشنامه مذکور در شبکه داخلی موسسه با آدرس ذیل قابل دسترسی می باشد:

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همچنین نسخه الکترونیکی این سند به کلیه شعب موسسه نیز توسط پست الکترونیکی ارسال می گردد.

**عبدالله جمالی**  
**مدیریت واحد کنوانسیون ها و مقررات دریایی**  
**موسسه رده بندی ایرانیان**

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 General**

This publication is to announce the readmission of Polish Register of Shipping (PRS) to IACS. As of 3 June 2011 PRS is accepted by IACS Council as a member of the International Association of Classification Societies.

## **2. PRS membership in IACS**

### **2.1 About PRS**

Polish Register of Shipping, (in Polish: Polski Rejestr Statków S.A.), also known as PRS, is an independent classification society established in 1936. It is a non-profit organization working on the marine market, developing technical rules and supervising their implementation, managing risk and performing surveys on ships.

PRS has been authorized by a number of State Maritime Administrations to act on their behalf. The Society's head office is placed in Gdańsk, Poland.

As it is stated in PRS website, the first surveyed by PRS were fishing cutters built in the Polish shipyards. Further development of the institution has led to extension of its activity to cover surveys of sea-going ships and supervision of the ship equipment manufacture. In 1950, the first sea-going ships came under PRS survey - a series of 29 small bulk carriers for carriage of ore and coal (starting with "Soldek" in 1949), built in Gdańsk Shipyard, 600 gt general cargo ships and 4000 gt general cargo ships of the Lewant type, fishing super trawlers and tugs.

The first Classification Regulations for Ships were issued in 1956, followed in 1957 by the first Register of Sea-going Ships.

### **2.2 Historical Background**

On May 1998 PRS became an associate member of IACS in 37<sup>th</sup> Council meeting which was led by DNV at Oslo. This membership continued till March 23 2000, then 38,975 GT, 1977-built LEADER L sank 400 miles northeast of Bermuda, hours after placing a distress call, saying that a 45-foot steel hull plate had come loose & water was flooding into the hold.

Of the crew of 31, 13 were rescued in a dramatic operation, with Canadian & U.S. aircraft dropping life rafts to survivors, six bodies were recovered and the remainders were unaccounted for.

After the sinking of the Polish Register classed Leader L in the Western Atlantic PRS's associate status in IACS was terminated with immediate effect on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2000.

## **3. References**

ü <http://www.prs.pl>

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