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Agenda

- Process/Role of Class
- What Lies Ahead? Class in the Future
- Legal Discussion on Class Exposure to Liability



Classification: Process/Role

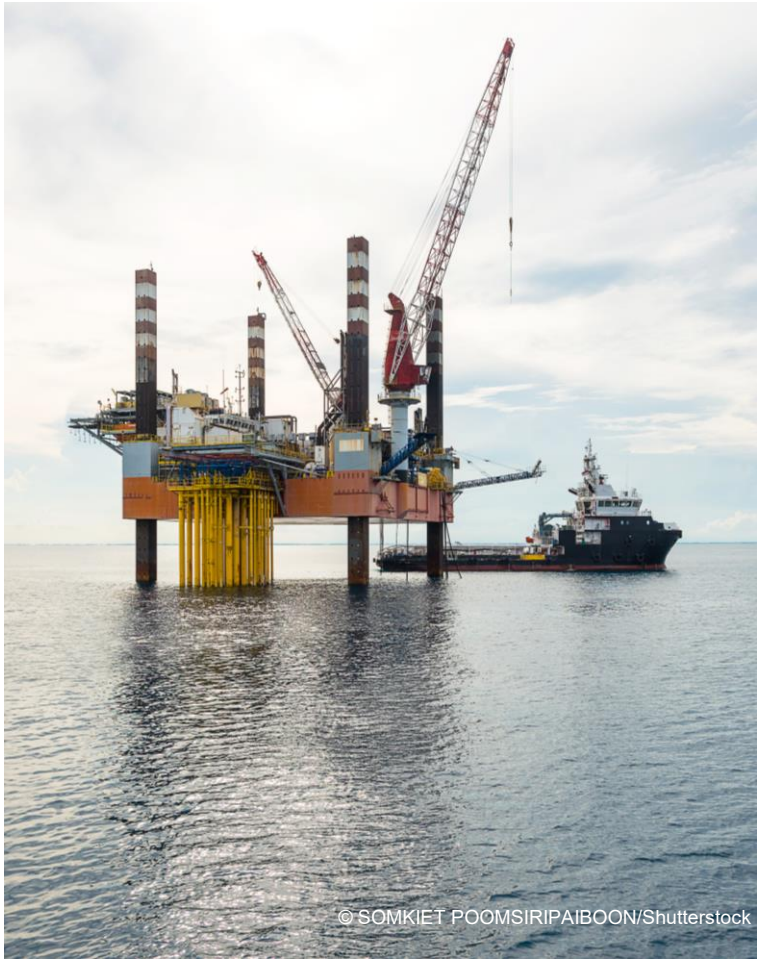
- Class societies establish and apply technical standards for the design, construction and survey of marine related facilities, including vessels and offshore structures

- Maintain a Register of Vessels and Offshore Structures



Classification: Process/Role (cont'd)

- Classification is a Process
  - Technical standards (Rules and Guides) are not design codes
  - Technical plan review and design approval according to Rules
  - Surveys during new construction and equipment certification according to the Rules
  - Subsequent, periodic surveys for maintenance of class
  - Survey of damages, repairs and modifications



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