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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

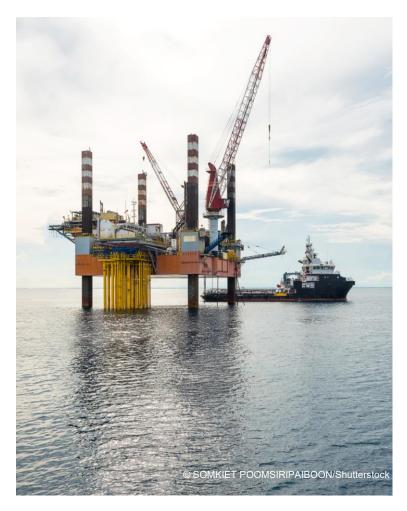




Classification: Process/Role (cont'd)

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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