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Subject:

Statutory Certification and Services of Indian ships by the Recognised Organizations (ROs) - reg.

WHEREAS, Article 94 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS'82) requires every flag State to effectively exercise its jurisdiction and control in administrative, technical and social matters over ships flying its flag, inter-alia through statutory surveys and certifications as applicable to ensure its compliance at all times within the provisions of the relevant international conventions and national legislation to ensure prevention of maritime casualties and marine pollution from ships.

WHEREAS the above referred international conventions, inter-alia, regulation I/6 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention and regulation 4 of Annex I and regulation 10 of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, provide that the Administration may entrust such inspections and surveys to Recognized Organizations specifically notified for the purpose.

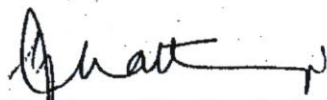
WHEREAS the said statutory surveys of the Indian flag vessels are required to be undertaken by the surveyors specifically appointed for the purpose by the Government of India under Section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, as amended.

WHEREAS, in line with international practices in this regard and considering the inadequacy of qualified surveyors with the government and the inconveniences that are liable to be caused to the ship owners thereby, the Government of India, vide its official gazette notification No.S.O.2044(E)

dated 06.09.2011 authorized ten Recognised Organizations (ROs) to undertake statutory certification and services of the Indian flag vessels, subject to appropriate bilateral agreements with the Government of India and respective Recognised Organization detailing modalities of such services delegated.

WHEREAS the relevant IMO guidelines, particularly Resolutions A.739(19) & A.789(19) read along with the proposed mandatory Code for Recognised Organizations (ROs) require the flag States to verify that the organizations recognized to perform statutory certification and services on its behalf fulfill the requirements of the applicable international conventions and the national legislations, as the case may be, and for this purpose, the Administration is mandated to establish, implement, monitor, review and improve an 'oversight programme', including detailed procedural guidelines for the conduct of statutory functions on its behalf, as necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director-General of Shipping, in exercise of the powers vested in him under Sect.9 (1A) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, as amended read along with the Government of India notification No. S.O.2044(E) dated 05.09.2011, hereby issues the following procedure, as annexed to this order, for the statutory survey, certification and associated services of the Indian flag ships by the Recognised organizations as notified by the Government of India for the purpose from time to time.


(Gautam Chatterjee)

Director General of Shipping & ex-officio
Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: Annexure

To

1. The Principal Officers/ Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai/Kolkata/ Chennai/ Kandla/Cochin.
2. The Surveyor-in-charge, Mercantile Marine Department, Goa/Jamnagar/Port Blair / Visakhapatnam / Tuticorin / Noida/Haldia/ Paradip /Mangalore.
3. All Classification Societies.
4. Indian National Shippers Association (INSA), Mumbai
5. All Shipping Companies
6. The Chief Surveyor with the Govt. of India
7. The Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India
8. Engineering Branch
9. Nautical Branch
10. Hindi Cell
11. Guard file.
12. Computer Cell