



The Seychelles Maritime Safety Administration Merchant Shipping Notice on Delegation of Recognized Organizations

Merchant Shipping Notice No. 06/2018

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS, AND OFFICERS SERVING ON FOREIGN GOING VESSELS REGISTERED IN SEYCHELLES AND RECONGNISED ORGANISATIONS

Reference: (a) Merchant Shipping Act, 1995 and amendments

(b) Merchant Shipping Notice 04/2018

(c) International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Resolution MSC.349 (92)

(d) SOLAS Convention, 1974 as amended and Protocol of 1988, MARPOL, 1978 Annex I and II MLC, 2006, LOAD LINE Convention

1. Purpose

This Merchant Shipping Notice details the list of Recognized Organisations (ROs) delegated by the Government of the Republic of Seychelles to act on behalf of the Seychelles Maritime Safety Administration (SMSA) for the survey, audit and certification under the provisions of the relevant regulations of the Conventions to which the Republic of Seychelles is party and extent of authorization.

2. List of Recognized Organizations

SMSA has authorized the following Recognised Organisations to carry out statutory survey and certification services, on behalf of the government of Seychelles on foreign going ships registered by Seychelles and on companies operating Seychelles registered foreign going ships.

2.1. American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)

2.2. Bureau Veritas (BV)

2.3. China Classification Society (CCS)



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2.4. DNV GL AS1 (DNV-GL)

3. Extent of Authorisation

- 3.1. Recognised Organisations are authorised under the provisions of MSC.349(92) *Code for Recognised Organisations (The RO Code)* and Regulations 5.1.1.3 & 5.1.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006.
- 3.2. Recognised Organisations delegated by Seychelles are authorised to undertake surveys, audits and inspections and issue relevant statutory certification on behalf of SMSA as per the requirements of international maritime conventions to which the Republic of Seychelles is party.
- 3.3. It shall be noted that not all Recognised Organisations class all ship types or offer all services. Accordingly, authorisation granted to Bureau Veritas (BV) extends only to cover fishing vessels.

4. Use of Exclusive Surveyors, Auditors and Inspectors

- 4.1. The Recognised Organisations delegated by Seychelles shall only use exclusive surveyors, auditors and inspectors to undertake statutory survey and certification services.
- 4.2. Exclusive surveyors, auditors and inspectors mentioned in paragraph 4.1. are persons solely employed by the Organisation, duly qualified, trained and authorised to execute all duties and activities incumbent upon their employer, within their level of work responsibility and in accordance with IACS procedural requirements.
- 4.3. In exceptional and duly justified cases where the Recognised Organisation finds



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that its own exclusive surveyor is not available, the Recognised Organisation shall inform the Administration, who may then nominate an exclusive surveyor of one of the other Seychelles Recognised Organisations or an exclusive surveyor of another Recognized Organization that holds an IACS QSCS certificate.

5. Outsourcing of Radio surveys

While remaining responsible for the certification on behalf of SMSA, ROs may subcontract radio surveys to non-exclusive surveyors in accordance with the relevant provisions of section 5.9 of part 2 IMO Resolution MSC.349(92) (RO Code).

6. Dual Class

6.1. SMSA has no objection to dual Class arrangements, provided that the Classification Society acting as a Recognised Organisation conducting surveys and issuing the relevant statutory certificates on behalf of Seychelles is a Seychelles Recognised Organisation.

6.2. Where both Classification Societies are Seychelles Recognised Organisations, all statutory certificates are to be issued by one of the Classification Societies only.

7. Access to copies of statutory certificates

Recognised organisations shall provide hard and electronic copies of the following to SMSA:-

- a) Statutory certificate issued which has an associated exemption, extension or equivalent arrangement, together with details of the affected item(s);
- b) ISPS Code certification (interim and full term ISSC);



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- c) ISM Code certification (interim and full-term SMC);
- d) MLC 2006 certification (Maritime Labour Certificate);
- e) Certificate of Survey to new Buildings; and
- f) Short or full-term international Convention certificates and associated reports issued on behalf of SMSA

8. Supervision of ROs

- 8.1. SMSA may satisfy itself that quality system implemented by ROs delegated to act on behalf of the Administration continue to comply with the requirements of the RO Code and IMO Resolution MSC.349(92).
- 8.2. SMSA may choose to recognize audits performed on its ROs by another flag Administration or by an independent audit group which effectively represents the interests of the Administration, and IMO, such as the IACS Quality System Certification Scheme.

9. Reporting to the Administration

ROs delegated by SMSA shall notify the Administration on the following:

- 9.1. Ship not fit to proceed to sea;
- 9.2. Suspension and withdrawal of Class; and
- 9.3. Changes affecting details of Registry or Classification

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