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TO: ALL RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

SUBJECT:

Guidance on the interpretation of IMO instruments when carrying out statutory certification services.

NOTE:

This Circular is to be read in conjunction with the Agreement Governing the Delegation of Statutory Certification for Jamaican Ships entered into with the Government of Jamaica.


REFERENCE:

Agreement for Delegation of Statutory Certification Services

Clause 3.1 of the Agreement states that the interpretations of the applicable IMO instruments are the prerogative of the Administration and that the Recognized Organization shall cooperate in their establishment as necessary.

APPLICATION

This Circular applies to all Recognised Organisations (RO) which are not members of the International Association of Classification Societies.

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The guidance will allow the RO to apply the interpretation approved by the Administration when the applicable instrument requires that the standard to be applied or the surveys is to be carried out “to the satisfaction of the Administration” or where the instrument requires the Administration to approve equipment.

Details of Amendment

Where equipment is required to be of a type “approved by the Administration”, the IMO guidelines on performance standards relative to the equipment are to be used as the type approved standards. In the absence of IMO guidelines, then approval is done on a case by case basis by the Maritime Authority.

Additionally, where the provision of a regulation requires the standard to be applied or that the survey is to be conducted “to the satisfaction of the Administration”, the IACS Unified Interpretation of the relevant provision is to be used.



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