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DEVELOPMENT OF GEORGIA

MARITIME TRANSPORT
AGENCY

Circ.
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TO: Classification Societies Recognized by Georgia, All Ship-owners and Managers of
the Vessels Flying Under Georgian Flag

SUBJECT: Amendments to Technical Regulation on Recognition of Classification Societies
Dear Sir/Madam

As you are aware the maritime authority of Georgia – the United Transport Administration
has been reorganized and LEPL (Legal Entity of Public Law) Maritime Transport Agency
(MTA) has been established.

Referring to our circulars No: 01/2011 dated April 28, 2011 and No: 03/2011 dated May 2,
2011 you are aware that aims to fully assume overall responsibility for the implementation
and enforcement of international maritime regulations for all ships flying under Georgian
flag and thus to step forward towards safer ships and cleaner seas and to improve the image
of Georgian flag. The role of Classification Society is of a paramount importance as they
have delegated authority to carry out technical supervision over ships.

MTA undertook active work to develop legislation on classification societies, as well as FSI
in general. The main recent legislative development was amendments to technical
Regulation on Recognition of Classification Societies dated August 18, 2011. The new
amendments provide that MTA shall not recognize classification society unless it is IACS
member. Accordingly the agreement concluded with non-IACS member Classification

Society is no longer valid by operation of law. Ships that are under technical supervision of such Classification Society should submit certificates issued by IACS member Classification Society no later than February 15, 2012. In case conventional certificates are subject of annual verification and/or renewal during transfer period non-IACS member Classification Society is entitled to issue them no later than December 15, 2011.

We kindly ask you to take into consideration above mentioned.

Sincerely Yours,



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