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TO: SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND
RECOGNIZE ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Implementation of IMO Mandatory Instruments and National Regulations.

PURPOSE: Provide vessel owners/operators with the role of Recognized Organization (RO), as authorized by the Maritime Transport Agency (MTA), in ensuring compliance with national regulations, international conventions and mandatory requirements.

1. General

- 1.1 The ROs are authorized by the MTA to perform all surveys, inspections, audits, assessments necessary to verify compliance, and to issue the relevant statutory certification to ensure compliance of owners/operators and vessels with the national requirements and requirements of the mandatory international conventions to which Georgia is a party and related instruments.
- 1.2 Furthermore, in consultation with the MTA, the ROs are also authorized to withdraw, cancel or invalidate MTA statutory certificates in accordance with the results of such surveys, inspections, audits and assessments. In case of failure to correct serious deficiencies, ROs are authorized to suspend the relevant statutory certificates until all such deficiencies are rectified.
- 1.3 The ROs are authorized to cooperate with PSC officers on behalf of the MTA to facilitate rectification of reported deficiencies and defects on vessels for which the RO has issued statutory certificates. In cases where the ROs are made aware of deficiencies identified by PSC authorities, they are required to address all deficiencies, whether detainable or not and to report to the MTA accordingly.

2. In the case of a vessel detained by PSC

- 2.1 The relevant RO, in consultation with the MTA, shall attend any ship that is detained by PSC authorities. It is the responsibility of the ship manager or master to immediately notify the MTA and the RO.
- 2.2 The attending RO surveyor shall address, but not limit an inspection to, the deficiencies identified by PSC.

- 2.3 Depending on the number and nature of deficiencies, the RO in consultation with the MTA may request an additional: Initial Audit of the Company, audit of the Safety Management System (SMS).
- 2.4 An Additional audit and/or inspection of the ship may be conducted jointly by the RO and MTA representative.
- 2.5 Depending on the number and nature of the deficiencies relevant statutory certificates may be suspended from the date of the detention and owner/operator shall be notified by the MTA with written notice. Upon such notice, the statutory certificates shall be restituted to the RO.
- 2.6 If statutory certificates have been withdrawn, they shall not be reinstated until the RO has conducted renewal surveys, and all outstanding items or recommendations have been rectified to the satisfaction of the MTA.
- 2.7 A vessel detained **Three (3) times in one (1) year** by Port State Control or by a specific Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) authority and ground for detention is Not-compliance with standards/items of Resolution A 789 (19) or vessel detained **Two (2) Time in one (1) year**-because of violation of international navigation rules, *Such vessel is subject to proceed deletion from state ship registry by the MTA. Decision will be made by main Registrar on case by case basis.*

3. Flag State Detentions

- 3.1 The RO is authorized to invalidate or withdraw a statutory certificate, in consultation with the MTA, if corrective action of a deficiency is not taken and it is determined by a survey or audit that a vessel is deemed unfit to proceed to sea without endangering the vessel or persons on board or presents an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment.
- 3.2 In such cases, the RO is required to provide written notice to the Master and owner/operator of the invalidation/withdrawal and request that the statutory certificates be restituted immediately. Concurrently, the MTA will provide written notice to the owner/operator of the vessel being placed under Flag State Detention.
- 3.3 Statutory certificate(s) shall not be reinstated until the required corrective action has been accomplished to the satisfaction of both the Administration and the RO.

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