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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS, AND CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

**SUBJECT:** Guidance on Statutory Certificates

## General

With regards to the issuance and use of statutory certificates either a “Full Term” certificate, “Interim” certificate, or “Short Term / Conditional” certificate, the Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia is implementing the following policy:

### 1.1 Full Term (FT)

A FT certificate may be issued upon satisfactory completion of an initial or periodical/renewal survey as applicable for the relevant certificate indicating that the vessel and its equipment meet the applicable provisions of a particular convention. A FT certificate may also be issued or reissued after revalidation when all deficiencies, which may have led to the issuance of a “Short Term / Conditional” certificate, are corrected. The FT certificate is to be issued in the format prescribed

by the applicable convention with a term of validity as set forth in that convention.

## **1.2 Interim (INT)**

An INT certificate may be issued by an attending Surveyor upon satisfactory completion of a survey in order to permit the vessel to operate while the FT certificate is being prepared.

Where a change of flag and/or ownership has taken place necessitating the re-issuance of FT certificates, the RO shall issue INT certificates while FT certificates are being prepared.

These certificates are not to be confused with those issued under the ISM Code by ROs which allow ships to operate during the implementation periods allotted for safety management systems and security plans.

## **1.3 Short Term / Conditional (ST/CND)**

A ST/CND certificate shall be issued in case of the need for temporary specific requirements or conditions applicable to a vessel. The issuer of a ST/CND certificate is stating that the vessel is temporarily not in full compliance with the applicable statutory requirements but it does meet certain specific standards required by the certificate providing an equivalent level of safety to the crew and the environment for a specified period of time by the expiration of which more acceptable and permanent full compliance is provided.

Such a ST/CND certificate shall replace the FT certificate, which is to be removed, and permits a ship to proceed to a port where the necessary corrections will be made. In such cases, the validity of ST/CND certification shall not exceed more than three (3) months, except when specifically granted by the MTA.

These certificates are not to be confused with those issued under the ISM and ISPS Codes which allow ships to operate after successful audits for safety management systems and security plans while FT certification is being prepared by the RO.

## **1.4 Conditions for issuance of ST/CND Certificates**

In Case of major deficiency, measures shall be taken to mitigate such a deficiency to a degree providing an equivalent level of safety for the crew and the environment. Such measures shall meet the satisfaction of the attending Surveyor in consultation with the MTA, before the vessel will be allowed to proceed under a ST/CND certificate.

In every instance where it is necessary to issue a ST/CND certificate, the owner/operator, or RO, is to seek the approval of the MTA by providing details of the situation.

Issuance of a ST/CND certificate, does not relieve the RO from the obligation to monitor and follow up on the vessels issued with such certificates and report accordingly to the MTA.

In case a ST/CND certificate expires, the vessel is subject to immediate Flag State Detention as described in the MTA Circ. - No 6/CIRC/FSI

Agency Director

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Capt. Mamuka Akhaladze