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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND  
OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, RECOGNIZED  
ORGANIZATIONS, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Subject: Recognition of Flag State Inspectors**

**This Circular Establishes the Requirements for Recognizing Flag State Inspector**

#### RECOGNITION

Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia (hereinafter referred as “MTA Georgia”) endures to expand its worldwide network of qualified Flag State Inspectors to carry out inspections on its behalf. Interested applicants should confirm their base operating port/city and the area to be covered.

#### PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

In order to be considered, applicants must indicate that they are already in possession of Professional Indemnity Insurance or have evidence that they will be able to obtain such Insurance. Professional Indemnity Insurance must be maintained to the amount of 100 000 USD.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Inspectors carrying out inspections should be qualified as a master or chief engineer and have at least 12 month seagoing experience, or have qualifications in a maritime related field and have specialized training to ensure adequate competence and skill, or be a qualified inspector of the Administration with an equivalent level of experience and training, for performing inspections of the relevant operational requirements.

To this end applicants are required to send a full and updated CV accompanied with the relevant copies of the main qualifications for each inspector.

Applicants may initially submit their application by scanning the Application Form and supporting documents and submitting by email to mail [fsi@mta.gov.ge](mailto:fsi@mta.gov.ge). The Original can be forwarded by mail/courier. No authorization will be given until the Original is received. All supporting documents submitted must be suitably authenticated and in English.

#### FEES

A flag-State inspector is not a salaried position by MTA Georgia and remuneration is on “per-inspection” basis only. Inspectors should accept payment from owner or representative directly.

The proposal is to include the fee for the types of inspections listed hereunder for ports of coverage within the proposal considering the competitiveness of Georgian flag is not negatively affected. Fees are to include all traveling and communication costs. Flag State Inspections are expected to be conducted in a thorough and professional manner covering all the inspection report forms which will be forwarded upon expression of interest and therefore time allocation for the conduct of these inspections must be adequate to the required professional level.

#### TYPE OF INSPECTIONS

The types of inspections covered within the Flag State Inspection Program are as follows:

- Pre-registration Inspections;
- Annual Flag State Inspections;
- Detention Prevention inspection;
- Post Detention Inspections;
- Post Marine Casualty Inspection;

MTA has the ultimate responsibility for all flag inspections. Flag State Inspectors acting on behalf of MTA are authorized to attend and inspect Georgian flagged ships in accordance with the approved procedures, standards and within the scope of IMO mandatory instruments.


#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

MTA follows a policy, not to authorize an inspector working for the ship's recognized organization or any affiliated organization which surveyed the ship and issued the relevant safety certificates. Applicants are to confirm whether they would be operating on behalf of a company or as a free-lance inspector. In either case, flag State inspector on each distinct occasion must declare any conflicts of interest while asked to act on behalf of MTA Georgia. This would include, amongst others, being employed by Classification Society duly recognized by Georgia and/or working for a shipowner/management company operating Georgian Flagged ships.

Flag State inspectors are provided with a standard letter of appointment for inspection services which is issued for a period of three (3) years.

Flag State inspectors are selected based upon their qualification including professional experience, training/education work history, certificate held.

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