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TO: Ship owners, Ship managers, Operators, Masters of all Vessels
registered under Georgian Flag

SUBJECT: PROCEDURES OF APPOINTMENT OF SHIP SURVEYORS IN TERMS OF MARITIME CODE OF GEORGIA

Extract from Article 44¹ of the Maritime Code of Georgia

“For the purposes of this Chapter, the terms used herein have the following meanings:

i) inspection and survey - a mandatory inspection and survey of Georgian ships based on regulations, standards, resolutions and recommendations of the international agreements of Georgia, the International Maritime Organisation and the International Telecommunication Union;”

Classes of Appointed Ship Surveyors

Appointed Ship Surveyor
Appointed Ship Surveyor (Restricted)
For ships less than 24 metres in length

**Minimum Criteria
Knowledge**

Appointed ship surveyors are required to have appropriate theoretical knowledge and practical experience of ships and their operation and, the provisions of the relevant national and international instruments necessary to perform their duties as appointed surveyors. Appointed ship surveyors must keep updated their technical knowledge and qualification.

Qualifications

Depending on the function to be performed the qualifications of an appointed ship surveyor should encompass:

knowledge of applicable international and national rules and regulations for ships, their companies, their crew, their cargo and their operation;

knowledge of the procedures to be applied in survey, certification, control, and oversight functions;

understanding of the goals and objectives of the international and national instruments dealing with maritime safety and protection of the marine environment;

understanding of the processes both on board and ashore, internal as well as external possession of professional competency necessary to perform the given tasks effectively and efficiently;

full safety awareness in all circumstances, also for one’s own safety, and training or experience in the various tasks to be performed and, preferably, also in functions to be assessed.

In this regard an appointed ship surveyor is required to have either an appropriate qualification from a marine or nautical institution and relevant seagoing experience as a certified ship officer holding or having held a valid STCW II/2 III/2 certificate of competency, and have maintained their technical knowledge of ships and their operation since gaining their certificate of competency; and served for a period of not less than three years at sea as an officer in the deck or engine department, or a relevant university degree from a tertiary institution as a naval architect, mechanical engineer or an engineer related to the maritime fields and worked in that capacity for at least five years.

Surveying Experience

Appointed ship surveyors must have, preceding their appointment, relevant experience for at least three years on ships of more than 24 metres in length provided that where the appointment is restricted to ships of under 24 metres in length this period shall be at least one year on ships of more than 6 metres in length.

Professional Indemnity and Third Party Liability Insurance

Appointed ship surveyors must carry a professional indemnity and public liability insurance covering liability of at least an amount equal to 100 000 USD.

Duration of Appointment

An appointment of ship surveyor shall be valid for a period of five years. Subsequently, appointments may be renewed for other five year periods on such conditions as Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "MTA Georgia") deem fit. MTA Georgia may undertake a performance review before an appointment is renewed.

MTA Georgia may withdraw an appointment at any time, regardless of any end date specified in the letter of appointment.

Conduct

Appointed ship surveyors:

during their appointment, must not be commercially engaged in the manufacture, equipping, repair or operation of ships shall only undertake assignments for which they are qualified by virtue of experience and/or training;

shall discharge their professional responsibilities with integrity and shall at all times act and report in a fair and factual manner; they shall be independent of all parties;

cannot carry out surveys on board ships where there are personal or family links to the shipowner, operator or crew member;

must ensure that records are maintained demonstrating achievement of the required standard in items covered by the services performed;

must ensure confidentiality of information required by the Administration and must be prepared to provide relevant information to the administration;

shall carry out their work without in any way harming the intellectual property rights of shipyards, equipment suppliers and shipowners and, under no circumstances may they pass on or divulge commercially relevant data obtained in the course of their work of inspecting, checking and monitoring ships under construction or repair;

must have an extensive knowledge of the particular type of ship on which they carry out their work as relevant to the particular survey to be carried out and of the relevant applicable requirements;

carry out surveys in accordance with the conditions and limits that have been placed on their accreditation, if any;

carry out a survey of a ship in accordance with the applicable legislation, exemptions and standards that apply to that ship.

Supervision

MTA Georgia shall verify whether the appointed ship surveyors effectively carry out their functions in accordance with the provisions of international and national legislation. MTA Georgia may perform planned and/or random audits and inspections to verify whether functions delegated to the appointed ship surveyors are being effectively and appropriately carried out.

Director

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