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Guidance and Instructions for Ship-Owners, Managers, Masters, DGMA Recognized Organizations

1. Introduction

Considering that DGMA still receives requests from Managers of Omani vessels for a variety requests concerning Statutory issues, and this Administration always directs the Manager to communicate directly to the Recognized Organization, this Bulletin is revised to emphasize the strict adherence to the required process.

The authorized Recognized Organizations are the only bodies that carry out Statutory Convention Surveys on Omani vessels and issue Statutory Certificates after satisfactory Survey. There are commonly confused documents not issued by the Recognized Organizations that are issued from DGMA they are:

- Safe Manning Documents,
- Ship Navigation Licenses.
- Exemption from a statutory provision.
- Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).
- Certificate of Registry.
- Civil liability Certificate for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage.

2. Procedures

2.1 The following process is applicable whenever the manager of a vessel needs to apply for:

- i. An exemption from an international convention requirement.
- ii. An acceptance of an equivalent arrangement to an international convention requirement;

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- iii. An extension of statutory survey period or validity of certificate under an international convention; or
- iv. A postponement of a survey, servicing period, or any other applicable international requirement.

The request shall be addressed to the Recognized Organization or body which issued the relevant certificate. Information supplied with the application should be inclusive of, but not limited to, the following:

- Reason and justification for application
- Time period requested
- Safety measures that have been or will be introduced
- Supporting documentation
- Details of ship's schedule should a verification survey be required

2.2 Recognized Organizations shall review applications prior to submitting an outcome of their assessment to the Directorate General of Maritime Affairs(DGMA).

The assessment shall, amongst other things, take into consideration:

- Provisions contained in any applicable international Convention,
- Code or IMO Circular;
- Any relevant national requirements;
- Reason and justification for application;
- Urgency of the application.

2.3 Any request for acceptance of an equivalent arrangement shall contain full details of the safety case conducted by the Owner or Manager, using the relevant IMO methodology wherever possible, such as in IMO Circulars MSC/Circ. 1002, MSC.1/Circ.1212, etc.

2.4 In their submission to the DGMA, the Recognized Organization shall clearly indicate their support or reservation of any aspect of the application, and if relevant, any recommendations or conditions that may be considered.

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All submissions shall be in a written format although, if time constraints dictate, verbal submissions may be accepted on the proviso that the assessment is conducted and any agreement formally documented to the DGMA at the earliest opportunity. The DGMA will notify the Recognized Organization of its decision or comments.

3. DGMA Approval

3.1 If DGMA approves an application, Recognized Organizations shall ensure that the conditions, if any, under which the approval was accepted are endorsed either on the existing affected statutory certificate or on the new certificate, or that an appropriate certificate is issued in accordance with the Recognized Organization's established procedures.

3.2 All decisions taken by DGMA shall be treated on a case-by-case basis, and are not a general approval unless otherwise stated by DGMA.