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**CIRCULAR LETTER TO
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES, RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS &
SURVEYORS TO THIS ADMINISTRATION**

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**GUIDANCE FOR SURVEY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION WHEN
REFLAGGING TO ST. KITTS & NEVIS**

All types and sizes of ship may apply for registration under the St. Kitts & Nevis Flag. When reflagging to St. Kitts & Nevis they should comply with the following regarding Class & Statutory Survey requirements. Deviation from these requirements is only allowed after written agreement from **St. Kitts & Nevis International Ship Registry (SKANReg)**:

- 1) When reflagging to **SKANReg**, if the vessel is maintaining the same Classification Society(ies) (Recognised Organisation/Recognised Security Organisation - RO/RSO) for statutory surveys;
 - a. as part of the Application the Owner is to send **SKANReg** a copy of the Class & Statutory Certificates issued under the previous flag, endorsed with the date of the last Annual Survey **OR**
 - b. a current Survey Status (List of Certificates, dates etc) i.e. dated within 14 days of the date of submission, **PLUS**
 - c. **SKANReg** require confirmation from the Class Society that they have been instructed by the Owners to carryout the reflagging surveys.
- 2) When reflagging to **SKANReg** if the vessel is changing the Class Society(ies) (RO/RSO);
 - a. the new Class Society are to confirm in writing to **SKANReg** that the vessel will be surveyed and issued by them with valid statutory certificates, for the vessel's size, type and intended trade when registered under the St. Kitts & Nevis flag.
 - b. Where the RO and RSO are different Organisations, written confirmation from both is required for the respective certificates that they issue.
 - c. An example wording for such correspondence/Certificate/Letter of Attestation is attached to this Circular Letter.
 - d. This written confirmation may accompany the Application Form (A1) for Registration or be sent separately by the Class Society.
- 3) Ships in the following categories may require a preliminary Flag State survey by an accredited surveyor to this Administration (not a classification surveyor). **SKANReg** will decide this on receipt of the Application.
 - a. single hull oil tankers
 - b. other tankers (oil, chemical, gas, etc) over 15 years of age
 - c. ships carrying passengers
 - d. other ships that are over 25 years of age

Other surveys should be carried out according to the instructions below.

