



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
Maritime Administrator**

PURPOSE

This Guideline provides a comprehensive listing of organizations authorized under written agreement to act on behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) as Recognized Organizations (ROs), Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs), Aviation Inspection Bodies (AIBs), and Appointed Representatives (ARs).

This Guideline supersedes Rev. Feb/2026. The contact information for Lloyd’s Register (LR), American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), and China Classification Society (CCS) has been updated.

APPLICABILITY

This Guideline applies to all RMI-flagged vessels.

GUIDANCE

1.0 Definitions

1.1 AR

An AR is an Administrator appointed agent or representative for the statutory survey of unclassified yachts for the issuance of statutory certificates; initial, annual, and renewal surveys and Compliance Verifications; and other services.

1.2 Aviation Inspection Body (AIB)

An AIB is an authority recognized by the Administrator for the verification and certification of helicopter landing areas (HLAs).

1.3 Classification Society or Class

A Classification Society is an organization that establishes and applies technical standards in relation to the design, construction, and survey of ships.

1.4 RO

- .1 An RO is an entity delegated authority with respect to statutory certification and services; and 1) if a Classification Society, has been assessed by the Administrator and found to comply with the Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code); or 2) if an AR, has been assessed by the Administrator and found to substantially comply with the RO Code.
- .2 ROs, among other things, are authorized to verify compliance with the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and issue ISM Code Documents of Compliance and Safety Management Certificates on behalf of the Administrator.

1.5 RSO

- .1 An RSO is an organization that has been authorized, in writing, by the Administrator to carry out assessment, verification, approval, or certification under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Chapter XI-2, or the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.
- .2 RSOs assist in the implementation and continued enforcement of the ISPS Code. Their duties include review and approval of the Ship Security Plans (SSPs) or of amendments to a previously approved plan, carrying out verification audits of the SSP aboard ships, and issuing International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) to ships found in compliance with the ISPS Code.
- .3 Vessel owners are reminded that the ISPS Code strictly prohibits RSOs from undertaking review and approval of a SSP and its amendments for a specific ship if the selected RSO had been involved in either the preparation of the Ship Security Assessment (SSA) or of the SSP or amendments under review.

2.0 Classification Societies

- 2.1 The following Classification Societies, with one exception as noted, have been authorized as both ROs and RSOs and may provide services to all RMI-flagged vessels.

ABS		
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ABS Athens 1 Sachtouri Str. & Poseidonos Ave. GR 176 74 Kallithea, Athens, GREECE	Stamatis Fradelos Vice President, Regulatory Affairs	Tel: +30 210 944 1040 Mob: +306936 753307 Email: SFradelos@eagle.org ABSRegAff@eagle.org

ABS		
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ABS Houston 1701 City Plaza Drive Spring, TX 77389, USA	<i>Classification and Standards</i> Flag/Statutory Department	Tel: 1-281-877-6021 Email: ABSRegAff@eagle.org

BV		
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Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore Tour Alto 4 Place des Saisons 92400 Courbevoie FRANCE	Mr. Charles Delaneau Director, Statutory and Classification Affairs Legal, Compliance and Regulatory Management	Mobile: +33 6 32 28 05 41 Email: c-r_stat@bureauveritas.com

CCS		
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CCS London Mezz floor, 3 St. Helen's Place London, EC3A 6AB, UNITED KINGDOM (UK)	Ms. Liang Jing CCS London Maritime Center	Tel: 0044-2077029751 Email: flagnotice@ccs.org.cn
CCS New York 98 Cutter Mill Road Suite 247 South Great Neck, NY 11021, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	Mr. Han Chunsheng CCS New York Office	Tel: +1-516-396-7368 Fax: +1-516-396-7369 Email: ccsny@ccs.org.cn

CLASSNK		
ADDRESS	CONTACT	TEL/FAX/EMAIL
ClassNK 4-7 Kioi-cho Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 102-8567 JAPAN	Ms. Kumi Miyashita General Manager External Affairs Department (agreement/liaison with flag and other Class Society matters)	Tel: +81-3-5226-2038 Fax: +81-3-5226-2734 Email: xad@classnk.or.jp with a copy to ny@classnk.or.jp
	Mr. T. Nakamura, General Manager, Ship Management Systems Department (ISM, ISPS, and Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) matters)	Tel: +81-3-5226-2173 Fax: +81-3-5226-2029 Email: smd@classnk.or.jp with a copy to xad@classnk.or.jp and ny@classnk.or.jp

CRS		
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DNV		
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DNV Veritasveien 1 1363 Høvik NORWAY	Mr. Eivind Mykland	Tel: +47 67 57 98 13 Email: Flag.North.America@dnv.com

HELLENIC REGISTER OF SHIPPING (HRS)¹		
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INTERNATIONAL NAVAL SURVEY BUREAU (INSB)²		
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1. HRS is currently limited to providing survey and audit functions for yachts only. HRS is not authorized as an RSO and is not authorized to survey and issue a POLAR Code Certificate.
2. INSB is currently limited to providing survey and audit functions for yachts only.

KR		
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KR 36, Myeongji ocean city 9-ro Gangseo-gu Busan 618-814 REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Mr. Kim Hoijun General Manager of Convention & Legislation Service Team (RO)	Tel: +82-70-8799 8320 Fax: +82-70-8799-8339 Email: convention@krs.co.kr or kimhj@krs.co.kr
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LR		
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Lloyd's Register Group Limited Global Technology Centre Hampshire House, Hampshire Corporate Park Southampton, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh SO53 3RY UK	<i>Agreement/Recognition and Regulatory Policy Issues</i> Sunny Sandhu Principal Specialist, Regulatory Affairs	Mobile +1-646-812-0632 Email: simranjit.sandhu@lr.org and flag-state@lr.org
	<i>Classification & Statutory Compliances Fleet Services</i>	Email: fsd.inservice@lr.org
	<i>Technical Performance & PSC Matters</i>	Email: tss-class@lr.org and psc@lr.org
	<i>ISM/ISPS/MLC, 2006</i> Marine Management Systems	Email: marine-management-systems@lr.org and marko.kok@lr.org

PRS		
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2.2 Yachts

The Classification Societies listed in §2.1, above, are recognized by the Administrator to carry out certain survey and audit functions for yachts.

2.3 Class Surveyor

- .1 An exclusive surveyor appointed by a Classification Society to conduct a survey on the yacht, shall be considered as acting on behalf of the Administrator when performing flag State functions
- .2 When a Class surveyor is so appointed, the Classification Society shall provide the appointed surveyor with detailed guidance and instruction on the scope of survey and report required.

3.0 AIBs

The AIBs shown below are recognized by the Administrator to verify and certify HLAs.

ORGANIZATION	HEAD OFFICE ADDRESS	MAIN CONTACT	TEL/EMAIL
Safeguard Helidecks	Suite 401, 30 Queen Charlotte Street Bristol, BS1 4HJ, UK	Mr. James Frean Senior Aviation Consultant	Tel: +44 (0) 117 929 1363 Email: admin@safeguardhelidecks.co.uk
HeliOperations	The HeliPort Osprey Quay Portland Dorset DT5 1BL, UK	Mr. Steve Gladston CEO	Tel: +44 (0) 1305 701702 Email: helidecks@helioperations.co.uk

4.0 ARs

- 4.1 The following entities are limited to providing services to commercial and private yachts of any size. They are also authorized as RSOs for commercial and private yachts of any size.
- 4.2 This table provides the contact details of each AR head office that should be contacted to coordinate any required services. It should be noted that all ARs are available worldwide and may have surveyors stationed in various areas.

ORGANIZATION	HEAD OFFICE ADDRESS	MAIN CONTACT	TEL/FAX/EMAIL
Mark Robinson Maritime Consultants (MRMC)	4 Kings Row, Armstrong Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6AQ UK	Mr. Mark Robinson Principal Surveyor	Tel: +44 (0) 7714 251 321 Email: survey@mrmc.co
NautX Ltd	Westfield Gipsey Drove Boston Lincolnshire PE22 7DB UK	Mr. Andy Langford Senior Surveyor	Mobile: +44 (0)7595 068735 Email: andy@nautx.com , or admin@nautx.com
United Maritime Survey (UMS)	1845 Cordova Road Suite 202 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316 USA	Mr. Phil Andrews Senior Surveyor	Tel: +1-954-630-8775 Fax: +1-954-337-0345 Email: survey@umssurvey.com

- 4.3 Classification of the hull, machinery, or equipment of a yacht by an AR is not recognized by the Administrator.
- 4.4 ARs are recognized to perform initial, annual, and renewal Compliance Verifications for any commercial yacht, passenger yacht (PAXY), private yacht limited charter (PYLC), or private yacht with intent to obtain a temporary certificate of registry for a yacht engaged in trade (YET) and issue the relevant short-term Compliance Certificate and Compliance Verification and endorsement.
- 4.5 The statutory international convention certificates for classed yachts are to be issued by the yacht's Classification Society. However, the certification for ISM/ISPS Codes and MLC, 2006 may be carried out by an AR or Classification Society on any size classed or unclassified yacht, as applicable.
- 4.6 ARs are currently not authorized to issue a Polar Code Certificate.

5.0 Contact Information

Vessel owners are encouraged to contact the Classification Society, AR, or AIB, as appropriate, in the lists above. The Administrator is also available to answer questions and maintains the following points of contact:

- 5.1 technical@register-iri.com – For inquiries pertaining to any type of VESSEL (excluding yachts) technical matter, statutory compliance, survey issue, or ISM Code related items. This also includes any requests for dispensations, service extensions, issuance of short-term statutory certificates, exemptions, equivalencies, etc.;
- 5.2 yachttec@register-iri.com – For specific YACHT technical questions directly related to national or international conventions or codes such as the RMI Yacht Code, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), SOLAS, etc. This also includes any requests for dispensations, service extensions, issuance of short-term statutory certificates, exemptions, equivalencies, etc.; and
- 5.3 marsec@register-iri.com – For inquiries pertaining to the ISPS Code, piracy, letters of non-objection (LONOs) for Armed Security Personnel (Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSCs), Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP), and Vessel Protection Detachment (VPD)), Ship Security Advisories, and the reporting of security incidents (e.g., stowaways, armed robbery at sea, illegal boarding).