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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Application for exemptions, waivers and equivalents</b>
<b>To:</b>	Shipowners, Companies, Operators, Recognized Organizations and Masters of Portuguese flagged vessels

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this circular is to provide guidance and outline the procedure for applying to the Portuguese Administration for exemptions, waivers and equivalents for ships registered in the International Shipping Register of Madeira - MAR.

### 2. INTRODUCTION

The Portuguese Administration in general grants exemptions and equivalents as allowed by the international conventions, EU and national legislation.

### 3. PROCEDURE

Applications shall be made in writing through the Recognized Organization (RO) issuing the relevant statutory certificate.

Requests for interpretations, equivalents and exemptions by the ship's company, or by the shipowner, shall be made always to and through the RO, and the company shall be considered the owner of a ship, the ship's manager, the bareboat charterer or any other organization or person, beside the owner, with the responsibility for the ship's operation and, by doing so, having agreed to comply with all the obligations made mandatory by the International Safety Management Code (ISM).

The attached Form 1 to this Circular should be used preferably for the application, which is self-explanatory and facilitates providing all the necessary data and information.

The RO shall review the application and forward it to the Portuguese Administration (email: [marad@dgrem.mam.gov.pt](mailto:marad@dgrem.mam.gov.pt)) together with an assessment of the case.

In the assessment the RO shall indicate their support or reservation to any aspect of the application, taking in consideration applicable regulations or guidelines, and, if relevant, any recommendations or conditions that should be considered.

#### **4. NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION**

The Portuguese administration will notify the RO and the applicant of its decision and instruct the RO as deemed relevant in the case in question.

#### **5. RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES**

ROs may reissue Exemption Certificates automatically as long as the requirements/conditions imposed before the exemption was authorized remain the same, and as long as there are no changes in the international instruments or in the EU or National legislation which enabled the formal framework for the exemption.

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