

Subject

Survey and certificate for crew accommodation of vessels flying Belize Flag

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Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

Effective on 15 July 2005, the Government of Belize ratified the Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976, (No.147) and the Accommodation of Crews Convention, 1949 (No.92) and its (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1970 (No.133) of the International Labour Organization (ILO). Regarding to the above, Technical Note TN-0017 has been noted by the Administration.

Under the Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised), 1949 (No.92) contained in the Appendix to ILO No.147 and the Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1970 (No.133) (hereinafter, Conventions), the Administration is required to ensure that the crew accommodation onboard every seagoing mechanically propelled vessel, whether public or privately owned, which is engaged in the transportation of cargo or passengers for the purpose of trade meets the international accepted standards specified therein.

The requirements of TN-0017 are as follows:

1. Application

With effect from the 1 March 2006, all Belize registered vessels shall comply with the provisions for Crew Accommodations contained in the Conventions of as follows;

- (1) Vessels registered prior to 13 December 2005 are to be properly surveyed and certified until the next scheduled statutory or class survey after 1 March 2006 but not later than the 31 December 2006.
- (2) Vessels registered after 13 December 2005 shall provide at the date of completion of Classification Survey.

2. Exceptions

- (1) The provisions of the Conventions shall apply to all Belize registered vessels of 500 gross tons and above, with the exception of;
 - (i) Fishing Vessels
 - (ii) Ships of war and troopships
 - (iii) Wooden ships of primitive build
 - (iv) Pleasure Crafts not used for commercial purposes
 - (v) Un-manned vessels
 - (vi) Tugs
 - (vii) Vessels trading in territorial water of anyone country

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NOTES:

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- (2) All or any of the provisions of the Conventions may be applied whenever reasonable and practicable, as determined by the Administration, to vessels between 200 gross tons and 500 gross tons, which are;
 - (viii) Engaged on International Trade
 - (ix) Carrying Dangerous goods
 - (x) Carrying more than 10 persons
 - (3) Vessels to which the criteria listed under (viii) to (x), do not apply, may request the issuance of an Exemption Certificate from the Administration by the ship owners or ship builders.
3. Responsibilities of companies and masters
- Every company responsible for the operation of a ship(s) under the Belize registry is mentioned in the Note as follows;
- (1) The crew accommodation shall be maintained in a clean and habitable condition and all equipment and installations required by the Regulations shall be maintained in good working order.
 - (2) Every part of the crew accommodation, except store rooms, shall be kept free from stores and other properly not belonging to or provided for the use of persons for whom that part of the accommodation is appropriated, and in particular no cargo shall be kept in any part of the crew accommodation.
 - (3) The master of the ship or an officer appointed by him for the purpose shall inspect every part of the crew accommodation at weekly intervals and may be accompanied on the inspection by at least one member of the crew. The particulars of such inspections shall be recorded in the official logbook.
 - (4) If any substantial alteration or reconstruction to the crew accommodation is done or crew number increases beyond the maximum capacity, Occasional Survey shall be carried out by the Society.
4. Survey and certification
- Upon compliance with the relevant requirements of the Conventions, a full term Crew Accommodation Certificate valid for five (5) years from the completion date of the survey will be issued at survey office.
5. Exemptions
- (1) The Administration may exempt from any of the provisions of the Conventions (as may be specified in the exemption) on such terms (if any) as they may so specify and may alter or cancel such exemption. However, every ship should be complied with the Conventions as much as possible and reasonable, e.g. marks for sleeping rooms, response by field procurement.
 - (2) If some items cannot be complied with the Conventions by reasonable notice such as the necessity of major alternation or modification and if vessels apply for an Exemption Certificate to the Administration, an application with our Survey Record is sent to the Administration by ship owners or ship builders.

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