



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 590 of 06th November 2019

To	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag	All Flags
Title	Change of Flag-Instruction
Reference	CONARINA-Survey Instructions

Change of Flag

1 Preparation

Upon receipt of request, the Surveyor is to first compare the new and previous Flag Administration (FA).

If the vessel has an exemption certificate, the previously granted exemption along with Exemption certificate becomes invalid.

If a vessel has concurrent Load Line Certificates, the new FA may have granted CONARINA authorization to issue concurrent Load Line Certificates on its behalf. Refer to the FA special instructions for Load Line Surveys. However, prior to issuing short term/interim Load Line Certificates on behalf of the new flag Administration, the Surveyor shall keep in mind that a formal reapplication will still have to be made to the new FA in each case to obtain their authorization to issue the concurrent Load Line Certificates.

Surveyor shall enter the new flag, Port of Registry, Call sign and Official Number on the Survey Reports.

2 Required Documentation

Certificate of Registry

A certificate of registry, or temporary registry, is to be onboard before any statutory certificates can be issued to the vessel.

Stability and Load Line

The stability data shall not be stamped or otherwise marked by the Surveyor.

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The stability data may need to be reviewed on behalf of the new Administration by CONARINA Head Office. If CONARINA is authorized to issue the Load Line certificate on behalf of the new flag the Surveyor shall contact the CONARINA Tech. Office prior to the survey to determine if there are any special requirements for the new FA.

The Surveyor should obtain the following for submittal to CONARINA Tech. Office:

- Copy of the current load line certificate or certificates if multiple deadweights are requested.
- Copy of front page of stability booklet showing approval by previous class society and table of contents page(s) including light ship properties.
- Copy of previous society's stability review letter.
- Statement from master or owner's representative that there have been no modifications or weight changes since previous stability review.

Tonnage

The responsible CONARINA Tech. Office shall be contacted for instructions, if any, on issuance of the tonnage certificate on behalf of the new FA.

Radio Equipment

The Surveyor shall remind the Owners that the new FA is to issue new identification numbers for the EPIRB, AIS, or the INMARSAT Ship Earth Station. These numbers must be in place prior to completion of the survey.

The LRIT conformance test report should be considered as remaining valid if the Application Service Provider (ASP) which conducted the conformance test under the previous FA is also authorized/ recognized by the new FA. In such cases, the ASP should reissue the conformance test report on behalf of the new FA, without altering the date of completion of the conformance test. In cases where the conformance test report is deemed to be no longer valid (e.g., change of LRIT equipment, the ASP is not authorized/recognized), a new conformance test should be conducted prior to the issuance of a certificate, by either a recognized or authorized ASP acting on behalf of the FA.

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA – Instruction, Courtesy of ABS
- ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,

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