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

Change of Flag – Statutory Surveys

The Survey shall be carried out in accordance with the statutory regulations and Flag Administration (FA) specific instructions.

The Surveyor shall verify all of the following:

- The new port of registry is marked on the vessel's stern
- The new port of registry is marked on lifesaving appliances, as required by SOLAS,
- The new call sign is marked
- The new identification numbers for the EPIRB, AIS, or the INMARSAT Ship Earth Station
- The vessel's provisional registration form and radio station license for the new Administration is on board
- LRIT Conformance Test report has been updated by the Approved Service provider OR new a conformance test has been carried out

CONARINA -Authorized for Statutory Surveys by New Administration

When inside the respective statutory survey window, Annual or Intermediate Surveys due, and Renewal Surveys that are due within three (3) months, shall be carried out and completed. Consideration shall be given in order to avoid unreasonable burdens, such as a necessary dry-docking of the ship for Renewal Survey of the SOLAS Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate or similar.

Where statutory surveys have already been carried out and credited and are within three months of the time of the Change of Flag survey, the Surveyor need only carry out a visual general

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examination of the pertinent items for (LL, SLC, SLE, or MARPOL) to confirm their condition as being properly maintained prior to such issuance. However, this does not apply for crediting the SOLAS Safety Radio Surveys.

If no statutory survey is due at the time of change of flag, then a mandatory Annual Survey as applicable, or a Renewal/ Periodical Survey when no Mandatory Annual Survey is required (e.g. MARPOL Annex IV, SLR) for all of the following statutory surveys shall be carried out: LL, SLC, SLE, MARPOL, Gas, Chemical, etc. It is to be understood that these are additional surveys, which are carried out solely for the purpose of Change of Flag. These surveys do not replace the statutory surveys required to be carried out and credited within the appropriate survey windows.

Safety Radio Surveys

To confirm the Safety Radio items' condition as being properly maintained, the Surveyor shall complete the surveyor's part of the appropriate Safety Radio checklist (i.e., a visual examination of the items). The Radio Technician should attend in order to update radio equipment, EPIRB and AIS with new call sign, MMSI number and ID.

The instructions for Safety Equipment and Safety Radio are to be followed and is to include all lifesaving and fire-fighting means.

REFERENCES:

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

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