



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 630 of 4th June 2020

To	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag	All Flags
Title	Certificate: Fitness to proceed
Reference	CONARINA - Instructions

Certificate of Fitness to Proceed for one voyage

Where specifically requested by the owner if a classed vessel's fitness to proceed has been questioned and then been found or placed in satisfactory condition where the Surveyor considers her fit to proceed as recommended, a separate Certificate of Fitness to Proceed can be issued.

Certificate of Fitness to Proceed Under Tow

This survey and certificate are to cover only the CONARINA Classed vessel under tow with a valid Load Line Certificate, not the towing vessel or towing equipment. Special authorization from the CONARINA Head Office is to be obtained before carrying out the survey. Where the tow is to be carried out under manned conditions, the Flag Administration is to be contacted.

A general examination of the vessel's hull, to include damages, punctures or opening in the shell, deck or tank tops is to be made. Doubles, cement boxes or securing patches are to be in place for the tow. The Surveyor is to confirm all closing appliances to spaces below the freeboard and enclosed superstructure decks are in working order and capable of being made weathertight. If closing appliances are in need of repairs, same should be carried out prior to issuing the certificate.

The Surveyor is to also verify the following:

- Confirm watertight integrity, particularly the closing appliances. Any openings in the hull envelope should be temporarily sealed off.
- For hull damage, the vertical and longitudinal location of the damage relative to the principal stresses on the hull at the loading conditions which will be in effect during the proposed passage is to be examined.

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- The reserve strength or residual buoyancy of the vessel with the damage in question and after any progression of damage or further leakage that might be assumed “en route” is to be noted.
- Damage that may have altered the vessel or its equipment in such a way as to create any new or additional hazard while under tow are to be addressed
- The Owner is to provide availability or feasibility of weather routing, and proximity of ports of refuge or rescue vessels “en route” and list all risks to other vessels or the environment.

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA – Instructions. Courtesy of ABS.
- ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,

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