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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Statutory survey requirements and Flag Administration
Reference	CONARINA GUIDELINES

General Instructions

A. HSSC

For flags that are signatory to the 1988 Protocol(s) for SOLAS and Load Line, HSSC format certificates are to be issued. The Surveyor is to review flag-specific process instructions for additional guidance on certificates to be issued.

B. Non-Convention Vessels

Some flags may have specific non-convention (e.g., less than convention size, a ship type that the convention does not apply) vessel regulations. The flag-specific process instruction is to be checked to see if an administration has authorized the issuance of any non-convention certificates.

Also, non-convention ships may be issued convention certificates if the ship fully meets the relevant convention, and the ship flies the flag of a Party signatory to that convention.

C. Exemptions, Equivalent, Deviations from the Regulations, Etc.

A vessel must fully comply with the regulations applicable to that vessel which are normally based on its keel laying date, contract date or delivery date (depending on the text of the regulation for new construction) or some date in the future (e.g., first survey or dry-docking date) for existing vessels.

Where full compliance is not contemplated/found, approval from the Administration is needed for:

- a) an exemption or deviation from the regulation; or
- b) an interpretation (including whether a modification is major under the relevant Convention and/or regulation) or acceptance of an equivalent arrangement relative to that required by the regulations.

In these cases, the Flag Administration is to be contacted for their concurrence with the exemption or acceptance of an equivalent arrangement.

The Administration need not be contacted if:

- a) a blanket exemption or agreement to a deviation has been received; or
- b) an interpretation or equivalent arrangement is addressed by the Administration's instruction.

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REFERENCES:

- CONARINA Instructions

ATTACHMENTS: No

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