

**IMMARBE**

International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize

**CHANGE OF FLAG AND RO SURVEYS****Improvement of Safety Standards onboard Belizean Vessels**

Notice to Recognized Owners, Organizations, Deputy Registrars, Resident Agents and those concerned with the registration of vessels under the Belize Flag and their documentation.

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The present instructions aim at enhancing the control of the flag state over safety standards of Belizean ships. These are a complement to any authorizations given in the past to Recognized Organizations (RO). All terms used are as defined in international conventions for the implementation of which relevant authorizations have been given to Recognized Organizations.

**1. CHANGE OF FLAG SURVEY WITH NO CHANGE OF RO**

1.1. Irrespectively of whether a Company remains the same as before or a change occurs, no vessels may be registered with any outstanding recommendation. In case a deviation from this policy is requested, it is to be invariably referred to the Belize Administration for consideration and relevant instructions.

1.2. In both cases, at the time of change of flag, if the due dates for the surveys for existing certificates are within the  $\pm 3$  months window, then renewal/intermediate/periodical/annual surveys, as the case may be, shall be carried out immediately maintaining the harmonized system of survey and certification with regards to the validity of the statutory certificates. At the same time, an inspection of basic ILO items as indicated in the check sheet in Appendix 1, shall be carried out.

1.3. In the case where the change of flag is not accompanied by the change of the Company, the surveys shall be limited in scope to the extent of the applicable annual survey, with the addition of the basic ILO items, unless the due dates of the statutory surveys are within the window mentioned above.

1.4. In the cases where the change of flag is accompanied by the change of the Company, the extent of the surveys of safety equipment shall be upgraded to that of the renewal survey, with the addition of the basic ILO items. The surveys for the statutory certificates other than the safety equipment, unless they fall within the windows mentioned in paragraph 1.2 above, shall be carried out to the extent of annual surveys.

1.5. The statutory survey reports and certificates for the change of flag surveys shall be made available the soonest possible to the Belize Administration either in hard copy or by e-mail, or through access to the society's data base.

## **2. CHANGE OF FLAG SURVEY WITH CHANGE OF RO**

2.1. Irrespective of whether a Company remains the same as before or a change occurs, no vessel may be registered with any outstanding recommendation. In case a deviation from this policy is requested, it is to be invariably referred to the Belize Administration for consideration and relevant instructions.

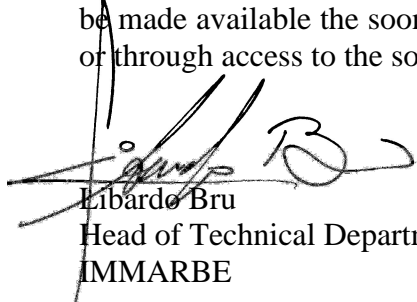
2.2. In both cases, at the time of change of flag, statutory surveys with the scope of renewal surveys are to be carried out immediately while maintaining the harmonized system of surveys and certification with regards to the validity of the statutory certificates. In case a deviation from this policy is requested, it is to be invariably referred to the Belize Administration for consideration and relevant instructions. At the same time, an inspection of basic ILO items as indicated in the check sheet in Appendix 1, shall be carried out.

2.3. The statutory survey reports and certificates for the change of flag surveys shall be made available the soonest possible to the Belize Administration either in hard copy or by e-mail, or through access to the society's data base.

## **3. CHANGE OF RO WITHIN THE FLAG SURVEY**

3.1. In the cases where a vessel changes RO within the Flag, the receiving RO needs to contact the Belize Administration in order to verify that no outstanding recommendations from previous RO or PSC or from the Administration exists prior certifying a vessel.

3.2. The statutory survey reports and certificates at change of RO issued by the receiving RO shall be made available the soonest possible to the Belize Administration either in hard copy or by e-mail, or through access to the society's data base if available.



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## Appendix 1

### Check sheet for survey of ILO items

1. The accommodations and spaces were generally examined in so far as practical and accessible including:

- a. Are all of the accommodation spaces being used for what they were intended for?  
ILO 92, 133 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- b. Are all of the accommodation rooms and spaces being kept clean and tidy?  
ILO 92, 133 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- c. Is adequate lighting available throughout the accommodation?  
ILO 92,133 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- d. If the accommodation heating system working (for vessel's operating in cold climates only)?  
ILO 147 **YES NO N/A**
- e. Are the officers and crew sanitary facilities clean?  
ILO 92, 133 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- f. Are crew bathrooms, water closets and sinks operating properly?  
ILO 92, 133 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- g. Is water pressure available to the bathrooms and water closets?  
ILO 92, 133 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- h. Are cockroaches and other insects properly dealt with?  
ILO 68 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- i. Is hot and cold water available?  
ILO 92, 133 and 147 **YES NO N/A**

2. The Engine room and other machinery spaces are generally examined in so far as practical and accessible including:

- a. Are all engine room bilges clean and free of oil? **YES NO N/A**
- b. Is the steering gear compartment clean and free of oil and garbage?  
ILO 134 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- c. Is the engine room clean (no accumulation of oily rags or garbage)?  
ILO 134 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- d. Are acetylene and oxygen bottles stored outside of the accommodation, engine room and other machinery spaces?  
ILO 134 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- e. Is paint and thinners stored outside of machinery spaces in designated storage rooms?  
ILO 134 and 147 **YES NO N/A**

3. The food and catering areas were generally examined in so far as practical and accessible including:

- a. Galley found clean and suitable for preparing food?  
ILO 68 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- b. Are crew provisions in satisfactory condition with no spoilage or unsanitary conditions in stowage or galley?  
ILO 68 and 147 **YES NO N/A**
- c. Refrigerated provisions storerooms found clean, of adequate size for the provisions, and refrigeration machinery considered capable of maintaining the provisions at adequate

temperatures? ILO 68 and 147	<b>YES NO N/A</b>
d. Are drinking water taps in working condition? ILO 68 and 147	<b>YES NO N/A</b>
4. Is the machinery fitted with protective devices (guards) as considered necessary? ILO 134 and 147	<b>YES NO N/A</b>
5. Are the windlass and mooring winches in good order? ILO 134 and 147	<b>YES NO N/A</b>
6. Is the accommodation ladder in good working order and considered safe for use? ILO 134 and 147	<b>YES NO N/A</b>

Note: If any of the above was answered **NO**, contact your \_\_\_\_\_ for further guidance.

Remarks:

Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_