



Merchant Shipping Notice MSN-0017

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International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize

CREW ACCOMMODATION CERTIFICATE

TO ALL SHIPOWNERS AND OPERATORS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, AGENTS.

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This Merchant Shipping Notice implements the International Labour Organization Convention No. 92 and No. 133 agreed in Geneva and intends to lay down the regulations for the issuance of Crew Accommodation Certificates for all Belize Registered ships.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Effective on July 15, 2005, the Government of Belize ratified the Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976, (No. 147) and the Accommodation of Crews Convention, 1949 (No. 92) and its (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1970 (No. 133) of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

1.2. Under the Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 92) contained in the Appendix to ILO No.147 and the Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1970 (No. 133), our Administration is required to ensure that the crew accommodation onboard every seagoing mechanically propelled vessel, whether publicly or privately owned, which is engaged in the transportation of cargo or passengers for the purpose of trade meets the international accepted standards specified therein.

2. APPLICATION

2.1. With effect from the 1st March 2006, all Belize registered vessels shall comply with the provisions for Crew Accommodation contained in these Conventions of as follows;

2.1.1. For vessels currently certified by any of the Classification Societies member of IACS, the survey and certification may take place during the next scheduled statutory or class survey after March 1st, 2006 but not later than the 31st December 2006.

2.1.2. For vessels for which a Recognized Organization which is not a member of IACS will be appointed, the survey and certification shall take place during the next scheduled statutory survey after March 1st, 2006 but not later than the 31st December 2006.

2.1.3. Vessels registered after the date of issuance of this Merchant Shipping Notice shall provide at the point of initial registration with the name of the RO which will survey and certify the registered vessel.

3. EXCEPTIONS

3.1. The provisions of these Conventions shall apply to all Belize registered vessels of 500gt (ITC) and above, with the exception of;

- 3.1.1. Fishing vessels,
- 3.1.2. Ships of war and troopships,
- 3.1.3. Wooden ships of primitive build,
- 3.1.4. Pleasure Crafts not used for commercial purposes,
- 3.1.5. Un-manned vessels,
- 3.1.6. Tugs,
- 3.1.7. Vessels trading in territorial waters of anyone country.

3.2. All or any of the provisions of these Conventions may be applied whenever reasonable and practicable, as determined by the Administration, to vessels between 200gt and 500gt, which are;

- 3.2.1. Engaged on International Trade, and/or
- 3.2.2. Carrying Dangerous goods, and/or
- 3.2.3. Carrying more than 10 persons.

3.3. Vessels to which the criteria listed under 3.2.1., 3.2.2., 3.2.3., do not apply, may request the issuance of an Exemption Certificate from our Administration.

4. EXEMPTIONS

4.1. This Administration may grant exemptions from all or any of the provisions of these Conventions (as may be specified in the exemption) on such terms (if any) as we may so specify and may, subject to giving reasonable notice, alter or cancel such exemption.

4.2. Vessels applying for an Exemption Certificate to this Administration will need to provide in addition to a written application, the rationale for the particular request endorsed by the Recognized Organization which performed the related survey onboard the vessel.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPANIES AND MASTERS

5.1. Every company responsible for the operation of a ship(s) under the Belize registry shall ensure that:

- 5.1.1. The crew accommodation shall be maintained in a clean and habitable condition and all equipment and installations required by these Regulations shall be maintained in good working order.

5.1.2. Every part of the crew accommodation, except store rooms, shall be kept free from stores and other property not belonging to or provided for the use of persons for whom that part of the accommodation is appropriated, and in particular no cargo shall be kept in any part of the crew accommodation.

5.1.3. The master of the ship or an officer appointed by him for the purpose shall inspect every part of the crew accommodation at weekly intervals and may be accompanied on the inspection by at least one member of the crew. The particulars of such inspections shall be recorded in the official logbook.

5.1.4. Any substantial alteration or reconstruction to the crew accommodation or crew number increase beyond the maximum capacity shall be reported to the Administration and shall be subject to an Occasional inspection to ensure that such modifications are in compliance with the terms of the Convention.

6. SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION

6.1. It will be the company's and master's responsibility to arrange for the survey of their vessels with one of the duly authorized Recognized Organizations listed in Attachment I to this Technical Note.

6.2. Upon completion of the survey requirements implemented by the Recognized Organization chosen for the task, and

6.3. Upon compliance with the relevant requirements of the Convention, a full term Crew Accommodation Certificate valid for five (5) years from the date of the initial survey will be issued by the Recognized Organization surveying the vessel on behalf of our Administration.

7. OFFENCES

7.1. Any owner who disregards the provisions contained in this Merchant Shipping Notice could face disciplinary actions as contained in our Statutory Instrument 1999 No.56, Registration of Merchant Ships (Disciplinary) Regulations 1999.

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ATTACHMENT I

APPROVED ROs TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF CREW ACCOMODATION

Recognized Organizations members of IACS

American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
Bureau Veritas (BV)
China Classification Society (CCS)
DNV.GL - Maritime
Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
Korean Register of Shipping (KRS)
Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LRS)
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)
Polski Rejestr Statkow S.A. (PRS)
Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RMRS)

Recognized Organizations not members of IACS

CR Classification Society (CR)
Dromon Bureau of Shipping (DBS)
Intermaritime Certification Services, S.A. (ICS Class)
International Naval Surveys Bureau (INSB)
Isthmus Bureau of Shipping, A.S. (IBS)
Maritime Technical Systems Services (MTSS)
New United (Int'l.) Marine Services Ltd. (CLASSNU)
Novel Classification Society S.A. (novelClass)
Overseas Marine Certification Services (OMCS Class)
Panama Maritime Documentation Services (PMDS)
Universal Maritime Bureau Co., Ltd. (UMB Class)
Veritas Register of Shipping Ltd. (VRSClass)