

Circular 213/2019

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and other interested parties.

Subject: Statutory certificates for all passenger vessels regardless the Gross Tonnage and for all commercial vessels 500 GT and over, to be obtained from IACS Class at the next Renewal survey.

Date: 4th September 2019

Summary

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Maritime Cook Islands would like to notify all interested parties that due to a policy revision related to statutory work onboard Cook Islands registered vessels, the following actions will be taken:

(a) The Cook Islands will no longer issue statutory certificates to the following categories of vessels:

- Commercial vessels 500 GT and over
- Any passenger ships, including high-speed craft regardless their Gross Tonnage.

(b) The Cook Islands will no longer delegate Non-IACS Class societies to act as Recognised Organisations on behalf of the flag for the purpose of issuing statutory certificates to the categories of vessels mentioned in point (a)

(c) The Cook Islands will require the categories of vessels mentioned in point (a) to obtain their statutory certificates from **an IACS Class Society** at their next renewal survey. In order to give owners and managers a chance to make this transition in the least disruptive manner this ruling will apply at the first renewal survey after 1 November 2019.

In order to guarantee a due oversight of vessels' safety management, security and crew welfare, Maritime Cook Islands will reserve the right to carry out ISM, ISPS and MLC certification, provided that audits are carried out by exclusive auditors, appointed by the Technical Department.

Exceptions:

The present ruling, unless expressly provided otherwise, will not apply to:

- Commercial vessels less than 500GT including commercial yachts and dual registered yachts;
- All vessels that are certified by Sing-Lloyds (Singapore office) or Singapore Bureau of Shipping.



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