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TO: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Honduras Flagged Vessels, Recognized Organizations (RO's) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSO's).

CHANGE OF FLAG AND RO SURVEYS.

1. Change of Flag Survey with No Change of RO.
2. Change of Flag survey with Change of RO
3. Transfer of RO within the Flag Survey.

The general Directorate on the Merchant Marine of Honduras hereby informs all Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Honduras Flagged Vessels, Recognized Organizations (RO's) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSO's) the instructions that will have to be followed whereas there is any cases of Change Of Flag And RO Surveys, Change Of Flag Survey With No Change Of RO, Change Of RO Within The Flag Survey.

These current instructions are intended to enhance the control of the flag state over safety standards of Honduras 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** Regardless of whether a Company remains the same as before or any changes occur, vessels with any outstanding recommendations may not be registered. In case of requesting a deviation from this policy, it must invariably be referred to the Administration for its consideration and pertinent instructions from the Department of Maritime Safety.
- 1.2** In both cases, at the time of the change of flag, if the expiration dates of the surveys for the existing certificates are within the window of ± 3 months, renewal/intermediate/periodic/annual surveys will be carried out, depending on the case. Said inspections must be maintained in the harmonized system of inspection and certification with regard to the validity of the legal certificates.

3. TRANSFER OF RO WITHIN THE FLAG SURVEY:


3.1 In the cases where a vessel with a Honduran flag changes RO, the receiving RO needs to contact the Honduras Administration in order to verify that no outstanding recommendations from previous RO or PSC or from the Administration exists prior the certification of vessel.


3.2 The regulatory survey reports and RO change certificates issued by the receiving RO will be made available to the Honduran Administration as soon as possible, The statutory survey reports and certificates at change of RO issued by the receiving RO shall be made available the soonest possible to the Honduras Administration either in hard copy or by e-mail to roadminitrator@marinamercante.gob.hn, or by accessing the RO database so that the administration has the necessary access.


Note: *For those cases when a third-party service suppliers or firms approved by the RO, are involved in rectifications of deficiencies, Non-Conformities, remarks, occasional in- water surveys and radio surveys, the RO must keep the corresponding records of such services*

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