



Maritime Circular No.39

To:

Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs), SLMARAD Departments (All)

Subject:

“Type approvals” and “to the satisfaction of the Administration” criteria

Date:

19th November 2018

References:

IMO Resolution A.1070(28) IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)

Purpose

To provide guidelines to Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs), for “type approvals” and “to the satisfaction of the Administration” criteria.

Application

1. “Type Approvals” criteria:

- a. Two equipment / products categories will be considered as follows:
 - i. Equipment / products provided in the specifications of International Maritime Organization (IMO), in which case there are specifications that have been developed by IMO Committees. ROs shall accept for use equipment / products adopted under these specifications, which have been approved by maritime authorities for vessels which are registered under Sierra Leonean Flag.
 - ii. Equipment / products which are not provided in IMO specifications, in cases where the conventions require that the equipment / products should be of a type approved by the administration. Sierra Leone Maritime Administration (SLMARAD) in accordance with the provisions of the conventions, will accept the equipment / products approved other IMO member states.
- b. For equipment / products which are not covered under the above mentioned categories, ROs acting on behalf of the Administration, should accept national or international standards, or the standards developed by experienced organizations, for equipment / products or materials on board Sierra Leonean vessels.
- c. In such circumstances, ROs shall submit to the Administration list of the approved equipment / products.

2. “To the satisfaction of the Administration” criteria:

- a. SLMARAD will apply, in all cases in which the conventions ratified by the republic of Sierra Leone mention the phrase “to the satisfaction of the Administration”, the rules or interpretations made by national or international standards, or standards developed by experienced organizations for these cases, such as unified interpretations of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).
- d. The Administration may establish its own interpretations to provide satisfactory ways of complying with certain provisions of the conventions; in which case, it is applied exclusively to all Sierra Leonean vessels.

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