



CIRCULAR MCO – 001-2020

DATE: FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020
FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: SURVEYORS / MANagements/OWNERS
SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE WITH SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

Dear All:

By this means, we would like to draw your attention to the following issues that we have been noticing during our regular reviews of the documentation submitted by our surveyors after a survey is completed:

1. Submission of issued Interim/Conditional/Endorsed Full Terms Statutory Certificates, reports and supporting documents:

It has come to the attention of the MCO's Technical Department that the documents mentioned above, are taking way too long to reach the HO for review, approval and/or submission to PMA. Although it is clear that our procedure states that the surveyor has 90 days to submit this documentation, MCO Technical Department has noticed that, is becoming a common practice to receive this documents five or even six months later after the survey is completed. In the case of an interim certificate, this immediately causes a Non Conformity within our procedures and if we have to submit this documents to PMA for the issuance of a Full Term Certificate (IBWMC, ISSC, CSSC 500, RTC 300, etc.) this will immediately cause a delay for the shipowner, a breakdown on the regular provision of services of MCO and furthermore a Mal Practice report may be issued by PMA which for sure will affect the responsible surveyor, directly.

In the case of annual surveys, the documentation is taking even longer to reach the MCO HO. We have noticed documents with almost a year of delay. This, again causes an immediate Non Conformity and furthermore should the vessel be detained or is involved in an incident we will not have time to maneuver in order to resolve whatever situation arises without major complications.

Given the above we will like to make sure that you are aware of our complete understanding of how difficult the market has become recently, however we have to do our best, as a team to keep our clients satisfied, but also to comply with the Flag State Regulations, such as the RO Code.

2. Pictures of surveys:

We will like to request your kind cooperation on this.

There are certain surveys that mostly consist on visually inspecting the structural condition of the vessel such as CSSC, LL, H&M, CSSC 500 and do not require major documentation as supporting documents, therefore we request that for each survey you submit at least 10 pictures of the vessel consisting on general views of the hull port and starboard side, bow and astern (as far as possible), general views of the deck, holds, tanks, etc. For your convenience you can send them to our Whatsapp at +507 6737-3332 once you complete the survey.

We sincerely hope and trust, that we can count with your kind cooperation for the above.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

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