



G-B INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL SHIPS REGISTRY OF GUINEA-BISSAU

Marine Circular Nr. 04/ 2023, 12/09/2023

Subject: "Reporting Requirements of Recognized Organizations to the Flag State Administration of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (G-B International Ships Registry)"

Ref.: (a) RESOLUTION MSC.349(92), (Adopted on 21 June 2013), CODE FOR RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO CODE);
(b) Resolution A.1118(30), Adopted on 6 December 2017, REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT (ISM) CODE BY ADMINISTRATIONS;
(c) G-B I.S.R. Model RO Agreement.

To: Shipowners/Operators, Legal Representatives of G-B I.S.R. flagged Vessels, Deputy Registrars Authorized Offices, Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Seafarers on board G-B flagged vessels.

Summary: The purpose of this Marine Circular is to depict the Reporting Requirements of the Recognized Organizations for the submission of relevant technical information to G-B I.S.R., as prescribed by the relevant sections of the RO Agreement and the IMO Code for Recognized Organizations.

Applicability: This Marine Circular applies to all Recognized Organizations in charge of Guinea-Bissau registered vessels (G-B International Ships Registry).

Notification Requirements to the G-B I.S.R.

1. The RO shall notify the G-B I.S.R./Technical Department, for all the scheduled surveys/audits to be conducted on a G-B I.S.R. registered vessel, at least three days before the commencement of the surveys/audits. In case any specific guidance is required, the G-B I.S.R./ Technical Department will assist accordingly.
2. The Recognized Organizations (R.O.)/ Classification Societies (C.S.), as applicable in charge of a specific vessel shall send to G-B I.S.R. by the end of each month copies of the certificates issued during that month. Alternatively, the RO could provide G-B I.S.R. with access to the certificates issued for the Guinea-Bissau flagged vessels, via its website and relevant applicable proceedings.

Newly Designated R.O.

3. In the case of a change of Classification Society or Recognized Organization, the newly designated Class Society/Recognized Organization shall notify the G-B I.S.R./ Technical Department at least three working days prior to the commencement of the surveys/audits and shall not proceed with the commencement of surveys/audits without the issuance of a respective written approval by the G-B I.S.R.

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4. In case of a change of the Recognized Organization and the consequent transfer of the relevant Certification, the newly designated RO shall, within 48 hours from the issuance of the certificates, advise G-B I.S.R. of the date of issue of the certificates and confirm the date, place, and action taken to satisfy each overdue survey, overdue recommendation and overdue condition of Class.

Authorization Requirements under Exceptional Circumstances

5. In exceptional circumstances, when an exemption and/or deviation from the applicable IMO requirements is considered necessary, respective authorization should be requested from the G-B I.S.R./ Technical Department. The RO needs to provide clarification for the requirement of granting the exemption/deviation on the basis of the relevant applicable IMO Convention and/or Code.
6. In case of overdue surveys/audits/recommendations, the RO shall notify the G-B I.S.R./Technical Department accordingly, within 15 days following the date that the surveys/audits/recommendations became overdue.
7. The RO shall notify the G-B I.S.R./ Technical Department immediately upon becoming aware of a situation involving a major deficiency or serious safety-related issue that would normally be considered sufficient to detain a ship from proceeding to sea pending correction.
8. The RO shall notify the G-B I.S.R./ Technical Department immediately upon becoming aware of a situation aboard the ship or within a company responsible for operating such ships involving a major non-conformity, as defined in the revised Guidelines on the implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Administrations (Resolution A.1118(30), as applicable, Paragraphs 6.5.2 and 6.5.3 of the RO Agreement).

Port State Control Inspection Relevance

9. In case the RO has been requested to survey a vessel, as a result of a Port State Control inspection, the RO shall inform immediately the G-B I.S.R./ Technical Department. The relevant report confirming the rectification of the deficiencies posed by the Port State Control and any relevant additional note shall be submitted by the RO to the G-B I.S.R. /Technical Department, without any delay, and in any case not later than 72 hours after the satisfactory completion of the respective surveys.

Submission of Updated Survey Status for Vessels

10. The RO is obliged to submit to the G-B I.S.R./Technical Department on a 6-month time interval, and preferably by January and July of each calendar year, an updated survey status of each G-B I.S.R. vessel certified by the RO. Alternatively, the RO can provide the G-B I.S.R. with access to the certificates issued for the Guinea-Bissau flagged vessels, via its website.



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Effective Date

11. The current Marine Circular has immediate effect as per the day of issuance.

Queries

12. Any queries on this Marine Circular may be submitted to G-B I.S.R. / Technical Department (E-mail: tech@gbi-lb.org , Tel. : +30 210 4537950, +30 210 4537194).

For the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry

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