



To: DEPUTY REGISTRARS, SHIP OWNERS/ISM OPERATORS/RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS/SHIPPING AGENTS/GENERAL SAFETY INSPECTORS

Reference: Technical Certificates Requirements

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PURPOSE

To inform all concerned parties of new requirements for Technical Certificates (Minimum Safe Manning Certificate, Declaration of Maritime Labor Convention Part I, Exemptions, Waiver of Requirements, Equivalent of Arrangements, etc.).

CONTENT

In view of continuous changes, development of new conventions and amendments to Mandatory Instruments performed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) decided to include an expiration date on all Technical Certificates with the aim to avoid certificates falling under obsolete requirements or regulations onboard Belize flagged vessels that may lead to problems with Port State Control Authorities.

From the date of effect of this notice, all Technical Certificates issued to a Belize registered vessel will have the same expiration date of its relevant statutory certificate with a maximum period of 5 years.



TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

All Belize registered vessels holding a technical certificate are required to renew it in order to incorporate this requirement and to be harmonized with its relevant Statutory Certificate by the next Annual, Periodical, intermediate or renewal survey.

RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION INSTRUCTIONS (Optional)

All Recognized Organizations (RO's) during the certification of a Belize registered vessel are allowed to issue a provisional Technical Certificate on behalf of IMMARBE as per Shipowners or ISM Operator request except for a Minimum Safe Manning Certificate and the Declaration of Maritime Labor Convention Part I with a maximum validity of one month in order to avoid any delay of the vessel or to have any vessel operating without being properly certified.

As soon as the provisional Technical Certificate is issued by the RO, the Shipowner/ISM Operator shall submit its application with ample time to IMMARBE through its Designated Office or Deputy Registrar in order to have this request fully evaluated by IMMARBE's Technical Staff for the issuance of the Full-Term Technical Certificate with a validity of 5 years.

If the Shipowner/ISM Operator is not willing to apply to the RO for a provisional Technical Certificate, they can apply directly for a Full-Term Technical Certificate through its Designated Office or Deputy Registrar following the requirements for "Making An Application".

MAKING AN APPLICATION

In order to have a Technical Certificate issued or renewed, the Owner/Operator shall submit through its Designated Office or Deputy Registrar:

1. A complete Form TDF-019 Application for Minimum Safe Manning Certificate, Form TDF-006 Application for Technical Certificate, Form TDF-005 Application for DMLC Part I.
2. Needed supporting documentation (i.e. Financial Security Certificates), if applicable.
3. Latest Vessel Survey Status.
4. Provisional Technical Certificate issued by the RO, if applicable.
5. Relevant Statutory Certificate (i.e. International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate with its Form for the issuance of a Waiver of Requirement), if available.
6. In case of unavailability of the relevant Statutory Certificate, the expiration date of the relevant Full-Term Statutory Certificate must be provided.
7. Previous Technical Certificate, if applicable.



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Upon collection of all the above, the Designated Office or Deputy Registrar shall apply to for the issuance or renewal of needed Technical Certificate to IMMARBEL Technical Department (Eng. Eduardo Simon (technicalofficer@immarbe.com), Mr. Anique Sabal (technicalofficer2@immarbe.com) and Mrs. Sharon Escalante (techsupport@immarbe.com) for the proper processing of the request and emission of the Technical Certificate.

FEES

Applicable fee will be in accordance with the Merchant Marine Notice (19-003).

ACTIONS REQUESTED

This Administration would like to encourage all Shipowners, Operators, Deputy Registrar and Recognized Organizations to take note of the contents of this Notice and to ensure its provisions are enforced on board vessels registered at IMMARBEL.

Look forward for your cooperation and assistance.

The Notice was issued in Belize city, Belize 01/04/2019

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