

# No.12 Statutory Certification at Change of Class without Change of Flag

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## 1.0 General

This Procedural Requirement lays down the minimum requirements for statutory surveys and certifications which the gaining society shall follow at change of class, when there is no change of Flag involved. This Procedural Requirement does not prevent the gaining society from expanding the scope of its statutory surveys at its own discretion or in accordance with the requirements or instructions of the relevant Flag administration. This procedure assumes the Flag administration has authorised the gaining society to issue statutory certificates on its behalf.

If during the Mandatory Annual Surveys noted below, the Surveyor finds any major deficiencies or a significant number of minor deficiencies which indicate the condition of the vessel does not correspond substantially with the certificate issued by the losing society, then a full Renewal Survey shall be carried out prior to the issuance of any certificate.

For general guidance, the gaining society may refer to Recommendation 98 "Duties of Surveyors under Statutory Conventions and Codes". For specific guidance in these cases, the gaining society shall refer to its agreement with, or instruction from, the Flag administration.

For definitions of permanent, interim and conditional certificates, refer to Recommendation 98.

## 2.0 Scope of survey

Regardless of the type of statutory vessel's certificate or its remaining validity, the gaining society shall carry out a full Renewal Survey prior to issuing any certificates. However, if the losing society holds a QSCS certificate, the gaining society may take into consideration the type of statutory certificate and its remaining validity as noted below:

- a) Prior to the issue of a Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate the gaining society shall carry out a full Renewal Survey (in case of non-HSSC certification) or a full Periodical Survey (in case of HSSC certification).
- b) Prior to the issue of a Passenger Ship Safety Certificate the gaining society shall carry out a full Renewal Survey.
- c) For other statutory certificates, the following procedures are applicable:-

### c.1) Expired or extended certificates

If the vessel's certificate is expired or extended, the gaining society shall carry out a full Renewal Survey prior to issuing any certificate.

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Note:

This Procedural Requirement applies from 1 July 2009.

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**c.2) Permanent certificates**

If the vessel has a permanent certificate issued by the losing society, the gaining society shall carry out a Mandatory Annual Survey. Based on satisfactory completion of the Mandatory Annual Survey and the permanent certificate issued by the losing society, the gaining society may issue a new certificate.

**c.3) Conditional certificates**

If the vessel has a conditional certificate issued by the losing society, the gaining society shall carry out a Mandatory Annual Survey. Based on re-examination of the deficiencies noted by the losing society on the conditional certificate, satisfactory completion of the Mandatory Annual Survey, and the conditional certificate issued by the losing society, the gaining society may issue a new certificate.

The gaining society should consider the existing deficiencies, new deficiencies (if any) found during the Mandatory Annual Survey, the validity of the existing conditional certificate, and Recommendation 98 "Duties of Surveyors under Statutory Conventions and Codes" when using certificates.

**c.4) Interim certificates**

If the vessel has an interim certificate issued by the losing society, the gaining society shall carry out a Mandatory Annual Survey. Based on satisfactory completion of the Mandatory Annual Survey, and the interim certificate issued by the losing society, the gaining society may issue a new certificate.

**3.0 Type and validity of certificates**

The validity of a new certificate issued by the gaining society on the basis of a satisfactory mandatory Annual Survey and the permanent certificate issued by the losing society, is not to exceed the validity of the permanent certificate issued by the losing society which it replaces.

Societies may issue interim certificates pending issuance of the permanent certificate by their head office, if that is their practice.

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