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**Marine Guidance ( 5 /2019)**

**GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1988 HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
OF SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION (HSSC)**

**Applicable to:** All Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Flag State Surveyors, Port State Control Officers, Recognized Organizations, Master and Officers of Myanmar Ships

- References:**
- (a) International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea 1974, as amended (SOLAS, 1974) and its Protocol of 1988;
  - (b) IMO Resolution A. 948(23) and MEPC. 128(53)

***Summary***

*As the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has ratified the SOLAS PROT 1988 which will enter into force for Myanmar on 3 October 2019, all Myanmar flagged ships are required to comply with the Provisions of Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) which prescribed in Protocol.*

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this guidance is to assist the ship owners, operators, flag state surveyors, recognized organizations and master and officers of the merchant ships for the implementation of the 1988 Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) on the vessels flying the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**Application**

2. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has ratified and deposited the adoption of SOLAS PROT 1988 to IMO on 3 July 2019. Therefore, all ships entitled to fly the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall become effect the application of HSSC on 3 October 2019.

3. Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Flag State Surveyors, Recognized Organizations, Master and Officers of Myanmar Flagged Ships are required to follow Resolution A. 948(23), as amended by MEPC. 128(53), and the instructions provided in this guidelines for the implementation of HSSC.

### **Uniform implementation of HSSC**

4. Existing statutory certificates will remain valid until such time when HSSC certificates are issued or until their expiration date, whichever first occurs.

5. The Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (SC) is to be used as the basis to implement the HSSC considering that SC governs the interval for the dry-docking surveys.

6. The validity date of the current SC is to be used as the basis for implementing HSSC on a particular vessel.

7. For cargo ships, all statutory certificates are renewed with validity of 5 years at the first renewal survey of SC on and after 3 October 2019. Accordingly, all the existing certificates remain valid until renewal survey of the existing SC Certificate.

8. In the case where other certificates such as Cargo Ship Safety Equipment (SE) or Cargo Ship Safety Radio (SR) certificate or Oil Pollution Prevention certificates is renewed before the first renewal survey of SC on and after 3 October 2019, that other Certificate is issued using HSSC certificate form with the validity limited to the expiry date of the existing SC Certificate. In this case, the other certificates issued may have an initial validity less than 5 years and annual endorsements should start with the top line and proceed down until the certificate expires, recognizing that not all endorsement lines will be signed.

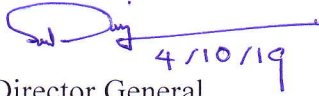
9. If the latest renewal surveys of other certificate completed within 3 months before the date of renewal survey of SC, it may be valid at the renewal survey of SC.

10. In the case of Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate expires first after 3 October 2019, the other certificates are also to be re-issued in HSSC format at the same time the SC that is issued in HSSC format. The validity period of the other certificates would be adjusted to correspond with that of the HSSC Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate.

11. If the other certificates' Renewal Surveys have been completed within 3 months after the completion of the SC Renewal survey, the validity period of those certificates would be adjusted to correspond with that of the HSSC Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate.

**Port State Control (PSC)**

12. PSC officers are requested to accept the above guidelines during the transition period for applying the provisions of SOLAS PROT 1988 to Myanmar flagged vessels in conducting Port State Control Inspection according to the provisions of SOLAS Chapter I Regulation 19.

  
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