

Circular 304/2024

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and other interested parties.

Subject: Statutory certificates for all passenger vessels regardless the Gross Tonnage and for all commercial vessels 500 GT and over.

Update and Revoke: Circular 213/2019

Date: 1st November 2024

Summary

Kia Orana,
Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) would like to notify all interested parties that:

- a) The following categories of vessels are required to be surveyed and certified by one of the Recognised Organisations approved by the Cook Islands:
 - Commercial vessels 500 GT and over
 - Any passenger ships, including high-speed craft regardless of their Gross Tonnage.

- b) The Cook Islands have agreements in place for the delegation of statutory certification with:
 - all IACS Recognised Organisations; and
 - Phoenix Register of Shipping, limited to ISM, ISPS and MLC.

- c) Any Cook Islands registered vessel falling under the categories mentioned in point (a), and currently certified by an Organisation not listed in point (b), is required to comply with this circular by the next renewal survey.

MCI will reserve the right to carry out ISM, ISPS and MLC certification in special circumstances and at its discretion, in order to guarantee a due oversight of vessels' safety management, security and crew welfare.

In such cases the Regulatory, Technical and Operation (RTO) Department will appoint exclusive surveyors, to carry out the relevant audits.

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