



Marine Circular Nr. 07/2022, 19/09/2022

Subject: "Procedure for Granting Postponement/ Extension of the Dry Dock Survey for Vessels Registered with the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau (G-B I.S.R.)"

Ref.: (a)IMO Resolution A.1140(31), 6 January 2020, "Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)".

(b)International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended, Regulation I/10 and I/14.

To: Deputy Registrars, Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, and ROs

Summary: The present Marine Circular informs all interested parties on the procedure and requirements for the submission of an application for granting postponement/ extension of the dry dock survey, as per applicable IMO/SOLAS requirements.

Background

1. The intervals between inspections of the outside of the ship's bottom are specified in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS), IACS Regulations, and Classification Society Rules. According to SOLAS 74 as amended, Regulation I/10 (a) (v), it is permitted for five (5) years in which two (2) inspections of the ship's bottom were carried out, to obtain an extension not exceeding three (3) months. This extension can be permitted within a period of 36 months between the two inspections. and require a minimum of two inspections to be carried out during the 5-year validity period of the Safety Construction Certificate/Special Survey period.

2. IMO Resolution A.1140(31) Survey Guidelines for the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2019, requires that inspections of the outside of the ship's bottom should normally be carried out with the ship in a dry dock.

Granting Extension for Dry Dock Survey

3. As indicated in par. 1 above, SOLAS 74/88 Regulation I/10(a)(v) requires, a minimum of two inspections of the outside of the ship's bottom during any five-year period must be carried out, except where SOLAS 74/88 Regulation I/14(e) or (f) is applicable. In all cases, the interval between any two such inspections shall not exceed 36 months. In cases other than those mentioned in the SOLAS 74/88 Regulation I/14(e) and (f), an extension for a drydock survey may be provided by this Administration for a period of a maximum of 3 months. The extension may be given under exceptional circumstances, including unavailability of dry-docking facilities.

4. For a drydock survey extension to be granted, the following documents are to be submitted to the G-B I.S.R. (Technical Department, tech@gbi-lb.org):

- I. The Application Form should be supported by documentation from at least two facilities contacted stating the unavailability, and a confirmed booking for the proposed dry dock. (letter of non-availability of space for dry dock survey by at least 2 shipyards).

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- II. The updated survey status of the vessel.
- III. A proposal letter containing conditions and requirements under the RO Rules for the drydock survey extension by the RO in charge, or alternatively, an E-Message by the RO addressed to GB ISR / Technical Department. The RO concerned should indicate their support or reservation of any aspect of the application, and if relevant, any recommendations or conditions that may be considered.
- IV. The Application Form for granting exemption/ waiver/ extension completed/filled in, as appropriate.
- V. An undertaking letter by the shipowner committing the vessel to carry out the dry dock survey on a scheduled date.

Application Form Submission

5. The Application Form for granting exemption/ waiver/ extension is appended to the end of this Marine Circular, and it is also available online at the following link: <https://gbisr.com/application-forms/>. The Application Form has to be submitted via E-message as described above, along with the required documents to the G-B I.S.R. / Technical Department and respective contact details of the person in charge. The competent services of the G.B. ISR will revert upon the conclusion of the case evaluation.

Applicability

6. The current Marine Circular applies to all vessels registered with the International Ship Registry of Guinea-Bissau, as per applicable provisions. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, and ship masters of vessels registered under the G-B I.S.R. and R.O.s are requested to take note of the information stated above and act accordingly.

Effective Date

7. The current Maritime Circular has immediate effect as per the day of issuance.

8. Any queries on this Notice may be submitted to G-B I.S.R. / Technical Department (E-mail: tech@gbi-lb.org, Tel. : +30 210 4537950, +30 210 4537914).

For the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry

Office of the General Ships Registrar



Attached

[Application Form for granting Exemption/Waiver/Extension \(p.1\)](#)

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