



Subject: “ Awarding RO Authorization Status and Delegation for the Performance of Statutory Surveys and Certification to China Classification Society (CCS)”

Ref. : “Agreement governing the delegation of Statutory Certification Services for vessels registered in the Guinea-Bissau Ships Registry, between the Guinea-Bissau Maritime Administration & China Classification Society (CCS).”

1. The Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry is pleased to announce the recent conclusion of the agreement for the Performance of **Statutory Surveys and Certification to the China Classification Society (CCS)** (Beijing, China). According to the Agreement, China Classification Society (CCS) is fully authorized to perform statutory survey services leading to the issue of pertinent certification. Statutory certification and services comprise the assessment of Guinea-Bissau registered ships and/or ship management companies in order to determine the compliance of such ships/companies with the applicable requirements of the international conventions, codes and national legislation and the issuance of, or in support of the issuance of, relevant certificates and documents.
2. The authorization awarded to China Classification Society (CCS), for attaining RO authorization status and delegation for the performance of Statutory Surveys and certification on behalf of the Guinea Bissau International Ships Registry (G-B I.S.R.), is based on policy priorities reflected within the “Code of Operation of the International Ships Registry of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau” focusing upon a standard approach for the G-B I.S.R., in meeting its responsibilities in recognizing, authorizing and monitoring its recognized organizations, and also on the full spectrum of IMO RO Code requirements. The G-B I.S.R. is committed to realizing high standards for safety, pollution prevention, and operational aspects of ships, in accordance with its standing operational priorities and business practice model.
3. The above authorization is accordingly reported within the IMO GISIS Module “Recognized Organizations”, in line with IMO Member States' submission of information, as prescribed by MSC/Circ.1010-MEPC/Circ.382.

For the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry

Authorized Signatory:

Office of the General Ships Registrar

