



Marine Notice Nr. 06/ 2023, 20/12/2023

Subject: “The Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry’s Policy for the Operation of the Global Deputy Registrar’s Network”

To: Shipowners / Managers / Operators, Representatives of G-B flagged vessels, Deputy Registrars, Masters, National and International Shipowner’s Associations, and Other Interested Parties.

Summary: The current Marine Notice outlines the G-B I.S.R. policy priorities and main objectives pursued with the gradual establishment and development of the Deputy Registrar’s Network of the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry (G-B I.S.R.). Details of the G-B I.S.R. Deputy Registrar’s Network are published at the Registry’s official website (<https://gbisr.com/>).

1. The G-B International Ships Registry

1.1. G-B INTERNATIONAL (with official full title name “International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau”) is a private corporation, registered under Greek laws, duly appointed and exclusively delegated by the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Ministry of Transports and Communications, to manage, operate, and administer the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau, for the registration of vessels engaged in international trade.

1.2. The offices of G-B INTERNATIONAL as the headquarters of the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau are located in Piraeus, Greece, being a predominant global shipping hub. The International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau is headed by the General Ships Registrar, who is officially mandated by the Ministry of Transports and Communications of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to represent the Registry internationally. The Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry operates an open register for ships and yachts via the operational coordination of the Deputy Ships Registrar and the network of Deputy Registrars around the world.

1.3. The International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau has nominated an expanded network of worldwide professional Deputy Registrars in major maritime centers, offering a local presence of Deputy Registrars, distributed in all major ports of the world and achieving customer-oriented services all around the clock

2. The Deputy Registrar’s Network - Key Policy Objectives

2.1. The G-B I.S.R. management team aimed to establish an efficient and competitive global Deputy Registrars network for vessel registration in international trade, prioritized concrete policy key objectives to ensure the effective and competitive functioning of the network and meet the needs of the maritime industry, as well as international regulatory standards:



.1 Standardization of Registration Processes: Develop and implement standardized procedures for vessel registration to ensure consistency and efficiency across different jurisdictions. Establish common documentation requirements and registration forms to streamline the registration process under the coordination of the G-B I.S.R. Headquarters office.

.2 Interoperability and Information Sharing: Foster interoperability among regional DRs and the G-B I.S.R. HQ Offices to facilitate seamless information exchange. Develop a secure and standardized platform for sharing vessel registration data among the HQ offices and deputy registrars, ensuring data integrity and confidentiality.

.3 Compliance with International Standards: Ensure that the registration process adheres to international maritime conventions and standards, notably those established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under the continuous monitoring of the HQ offices.

.4 Technology Integration: Gradually embrace modern technologies such as blockchain, electronic documentation, and digital signatures to enhance the efficiency and security of the registration process. Implement a centralized database or distributed ledger system to store and manage registration data.

.5 Training and Capacity Building: Provide training programs for deputy registrars to enhance their knowledge of international maritime laws, regulations, and best practices. Establish a framework for continuous professional development to keep deputy registrars informed about evolving industry standards and notably IMO regulatory developments.

.6 Customer Service and Accessibility: Implement measures to improve customer service for ship owners and operators during the registration process. Ensure accessibility by offering online services and support, reducing the administrative burden on stakeholders.

.7 Security and Fraud Prevention: Implement robust security measures to protect against fraudulent activities in the registration process. Regularly update and audit security protocols to identify and address potential vulnerabilities.

.8 International Cooperation: Foster collaboration and information-sharing between the DR's Network and residual countries and international organizations to address common challenges and promote harmonization. Develop partnerships with other global maritime stakeholders, such as the IMO, and Maritime Industry Organizations to align with broader industry goals.

.9 Monitoring and Evaluation: Implement a system for monitoring the performance of the global Deputy Registrars network. Conduct regular evaluations to assess the effectiveness of the network in achieving its objectives and identify areas for improvement.

2.2. By focusing on these objectives, the G-B I.S.R. advocates that a global Deputy Registrars network can contribute to a more efficient, transparent, and secure vessel registration process for international maritime trade.



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3. The Expansion of the G-B I.S.R. Deputy Registrar's Network

3.1. The network of Deputy Registrars under the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau so far expanded to the following thirteen (13) geographical regions worldwide, well placed in major maritime centers and trading hubs (a detailed table of Deputy Registrar' locations & coordinates is attached):

- .1 Piraeus/ Greece,
- .2 Limassol and Nicosia/ Cyprus,
- .3 Istanbul/ Turkey,
- .4 Dubai/ the United Arab Emirates,
- .5 Schiedam/ the Netherlands,
- .6 City of Panama/ Panama,
- .7 Alexandria/ Egypt,
- .8 Abidjan/ Ivory Coast,
- .9 Yantai and Shanghai/ China,
- .10 Busan/ South Korea,
- .11 Nakhodka/ Russia,
- .12 London/ United Kingdom and
- .13 Split/ Croatia.

3.2. Candidate Deputy Registrars under the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau: Within the context of the G-B I.S.R. expanding marketing strategy, interested parties (legal corporate entities and physical persons), who are fully qualified and wish to be appointed may apply by submitting the respective application form for G-B I.S.R. DR's network (<https://gbisr.com/#>) properly completed along with the required documentation to the following email address: ops@gbi-lb.org

4. Queries.

4.1 Any relevant inquires may be addressed to the G-B I.S.R – Operation Department (Email: ops@gbi-lb.org, Tel.: +30 210 4537950, +30 210 4537194).

For the Guinea-Bissau International Ships Registry

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Office of the General Ships Registrar



Attached

1. Application for Engagement as Deputy Registrar for the International Ships Registry of Guinea-Bissau (p.2);
2. Annex I: List of Deputy Registrars Appointed by G-B I.S.R., (stand Dec. 2023) (p.3).