TECHNICAL LETTER No. 35-2015

FROM: NASHA Technical Department
TO: NASHA surveyor /Organization Members
SUBJECT: **MMC 156**
DATE: December 09th, 2015

Dear Organization Members / Surveyors

The purpose of this letter is to inform about the procedures established on MMC 156 for the **Exemptions of requirements of International Conventions and National Regulations and Issuance of Conditional/ Short Term Certificates**

1. This Administration may grant to an individual ship exemptions from the provisions of a Convention if the ship complies with the conditions established by such convention, for the specific exemption
2. When an exemption is granted to a ship under and in accordance with the provisions of an International Convention an Exemption Certificate shall be issued in addition to the certificates requested by those Conventions.
3. A request for an Exemption Certificate shall be sent to the Segumar Panama Office by the Ship owner/ operator or legal representative.
4. The request must be made for each individual ship separately and must include the following:

- Copy of the Registry Certificate (Patente)
- 2. Copy of the relevant full term statutory certificate and its attached forms and/or supplements.
- 3. Application for exemption Certificate properly filled out.

5. This Administration authorizes all Recognized Organization to the issuance of an Interim Exemption Certificate with a validity which shall not exceed thirty days as long as the exemption to be issued is a renewal of the previous exemption certificate and conditions for this exemption remain the same.
6. In cases where the Exemption Certificate is requested for the first time, the issuance of the Exemption Certificate is of complete prerogative of this Administration; that means that in this case Recognized Organizations can not issue an Interim Exemption Certificate prior to the Administration's approval. The purpose of this Interim Exemption Certificate is to facilitate the process of the issuance of the Full Exemption Certificate, term in which the interested party must apply for the Full Exemption Certificate immediately.
7. In cases where the condition of a ship or its equipment does not comply with the requirements of an International Convention, this Administration may authorize the Recognized Organization which has issued the vessel's statutory certificate, to issue a Conditional or Short Term Certificate, provided that the ship is fit to proceed to sea without harm to the ship, persons on board, or without presenting unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment, allowing the vessel to proceed to a port where the necessary repairs may be carried out. The Recognized Organization will ensure that corrective action will be taken and shall, in due course, notify this Administration. If such corrective action is not taken before the expiration date of the Conditional Certificate, the Certificate shall be withdrawn and the Administration shall be notified immediately.
8. The request for authorization to issue Conditional Certificates shall be sent to the Segumar Offices in cases where considered necessary by the owner, operator or legal representatives or by the Recognized Organization. Under no circumstances the Conditional Certificate shall be issued without the previous authorization of Segumar Offices.
9. The request must be made for each individual ship separately and must include:

- Reasons to issue a conditional / Short term Certificate
- Copy of the current statutory certificate, available onboard, relevant to the conditional certificate.

10. The Conditional / Short term Certificate can be valid for a period no longer than ninety

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days or as determined by the Administration. This Administration will not authorize the extension or re-issuance of such Conditional / Short term Certificates, and will not authorize extensions exceeding ninety days.

Best Regards,

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