

Subject

Certificate on IHM to Japanese flagged ships

ClassNK

Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (the Ship Recycling Convention or the Hong Kong Convention) was adopted in May 2009. Although the Convention has not yet entered into force, Japan acceded and the governmental and ministerial ordinances were stipulated. Consequently, international certificate on inventory of hazardous materials (IHM) is able to be issued to Japanese flagged ships voluntarily prior to the convention entering into force.

Accordingly, ClassNK has launched to carry out the survey equivalent to the convention in the following manner until the convention enters into force. (This survey is not compulsory, but voluntary)

1 Initial survey

- (1) The initial survey is to verify whether part I of the IHM is consistent with the arrangements, structure and equipment of the ship.
- (2) Approval plans and documents: The following plans and documents are to be submitted to ClassNK Ship Management Systems Department.
 - (i) Part I of the IHM
 - (ii) Material declaration (MD) and Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)
 - (iii) Other documents deemed necessary by the Society

Besides the above listed documents, the following documents are to be additionally submitted in cases where Regulation 5.2 of the convention is applied.

- (i) Visual/ sampling check plan
 - (ii) Visual/ sampling check result
- (3) Survey: The following items are to be confirmed at Initial Survey.
 - (i) The confirmation of the documents specified in above (2)
 - (ii) The confirmatory survey based in above (i)
 - (iii) All of the following are to be included on the survey specified in above (ii)
 - (a) The presence of materials to be considered for the Part I of the IHM
 - (b) The documentation is not specific; or
 - (c) Materials of uncertain composition were used.

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2 Renewal survey

- (1) The renewal survey is to verify whether part I of the IHM which is appropriately maintained and updated, is consistent with the ship.
- (2) Documents: The following documents are to be submitted to the ClassNK local office.
 - (i) The valid certificate on IHM
 - (ii) Part I of the IHM
 - (iii) Material declaration (MD) and Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC), if the materials which are listed in part I of the IHM are changed.

3 Additional survey

- (1) The additional survey is to verify whether part I of the IHM which is appropriately maintained and updated, is consistent with the ship, especially after any repair or conversion of a ship.
- (2) Documents: The documents specified in above 2.(2) are to be submitted to the ClassNK local office.

4 Issuance of Certificate

After the relevant survey, please submit the survey record issued by ClassNK with the application to the District Transport Bureaus of Japanese Government, which will issue the certificate.

5 Japanese flagged ships having SOC issued by ClassNK

For Japanese flagged ships having SOC, an application is to be submitted with the SOC to the ClassNK local office in the first periodical survey. Upon the initial survey considering the SOC, please submit the survey record issued by ClassNK with the application to the District Transport Bureaus of Japanese Government, which will issue the certificate.

According to article 12 of EU regulation, the SOC shall be issued after verification of the IHM by the relevant authorities of the third country whose flag the ship is flying or an organisation authorised by them, in accordance with the national requirements when calling at a port or anchorage of an EU Member State from 31 December 2020.

For the purpose of awareness and for calling attention to our clients, ClassNK adds the below mentioned Note on Survey Status of the applicable Japanese flagged ships in order to issue the certificate on IHM.

"Note: The certificate on IHM should be issued in the next periodical survey."

The above Note will be deleted from ClassNK Survey Status on 31 December 2020. Please contact us if you intend to delete the Note from Survey Status, where no voyage to call at a port of anchorage of an EU Member State is planned.

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