



ZANZIBAR MARITIME AUTHORITY

Circular No. FSI/08/2025

TO: Ship Owners/ Operators, Masters, Recognized Organizations (RO), Agents, Protection and Indemnity Clubs, Marine Insurers, Port State Control, PSC MOU's And Other Interested Parties of Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessels

Subject: Cancellation of Several Recognized Organizations (RO) and the Status/Validity of their statutory certificates issued by them in our behalf.

Purpose: The purpose of this circular is to inform all our users of the Registry and interested parties about the decision of the Zanzibar Maritime Authority to cancel several of their approved RO's and to give guidance on the validity of the statutory certificates issued by them.

Scope and Applicability: This Circular applies to all Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessels engaged in International Voyages.

Date: September 10, 2025

1. The Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS) hereby confirms that as per the mandate given by The Maritime Transport Act No. 5 of 2006 and Zanzibar Maritime Authority Act No. 3 of 2009, has started a process of modernization and optimization and has reviewed the performance of some of the Recognized Organizations (ROs) and thus the decision was taken to revoke the delegation of authority to several of them.
2. The official and up to date list of Approved Recognized Organizations authorized by this Administration can be found on the IMO GISIS portal (<https://gisis.imo.org>) and our website (www.zma.go.tz)
3. The Recognized Organizations (ROs) that were cancelled are no longer authorized to carry out any surveys/inspections on behalf the Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS) not to issue any statutory certificate nor classification certificate on our behalf from the date of their official notification of cancellation.
4. In order to provide all Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessels and Ship Managers (Documents of Compliance (DOC)) a proper and smooth transition of their certification to one of the approved Recognized Organizations (RO); the following measures will be in place:

- a. The statutory and classification certificates will remain valid until their next endorsement at which time the vessel owner or ship manager shall request an approved Recognized Organization to carry out the respective surveys/audits and to issue the relevant statutory and classification certificates with the same expiration date as the existing ones.
 - b. In the event that a Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessel requires attendance onboard or at the ship management company due to occasional surveys, additional audits, closure of deficiencies, accidents/incidents or at the request of a Port State Control Inspection, the vessel owner or ship manager shall request attendance from an Approved Recognized Organization to carry out the respective surveys/audits and at which time the relevant statutory and classification certificates will be issued taking into account the current certification cycle of the vessel as per the IMO Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) Res. A.1186(33).
 - c. The gaining RO should perform all the necessary steps required as per the principles of the Transfer of Class Agreement (TOCA) and the requirements stated on the RO Code.
5. In the event there is an urgent and/or special circumstance encountered by a Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessel with regards to the transition of their certification to an authorized recognized organization, the vessel owner or operator should direct their request to dgzma@zma.go.tz, info@zma.go.tz and yassinthabit@zma.go.tz for guidance.
6. The Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS) reassure to the international shipping community of its commitment of continuous improvement of the safety and compliance standards of our international fleet and the protection of the marine environment.

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