



ZANZIBAR MARITIME AUTHORITY

CIRCULAR No. FSI 08/2017

TO: All Ship-owners, Operators, Managers, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships, TZIRS registration agents, and Authorized Classification Societies (ROs)

SUBJECT: Flag State Inspections Program of TZIRS Registered Vessels

Date: 11 March 2017

References:

- (a) The Maritime Transport Act 2006
- (b) IMO Implementation Instruments

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to inform all concerned parties of the Administration's program regarding flag state inspections of TZIRS registered vessels

2.0 APPLICABILITY:

This Circular is applicable to all vessels registered under TZIRS registry flying Tanzania flag and those vessels entering the registry.

3.0 PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

This inspection program aims to improve the quality of TZIRS registered ships, ensure such ships are operated according to International Conventions & National standards, reduce a detention number of TZIRS ships by PSC reports, and increase a registered tonnage of TZIRS registry.

The inspection will cover a control of certificates and documents on board as to ensure they have been properly and adequately issued, a random check of the general condition of the vessels and the working condition of seafarers, and the work on board and of the implementation of the various international maritime conventions.

4.0 FLAG STATE INSPECTIONS

The Administration will carry out four types of flag state inspections as follows:

4.1 Initial Flag Inspections

The initial flag inspections shall be carried out to -

- (a) any vessel wishing to enter Tanzania flag within 90 days of registration if the vessel -
 - (i) is over 15 years old for passenger ship and over 20 years old for cargo ship;
 - (ii) has a history of detention of at least two detentions within the last 12 months;
 - (iii) at the time of registration, the vessel is overdue for dry-dock, annual statutory survey or special survey;
 - (iv) has outstanding deficiencies that have not been cleared (by PSC inspection, annuals survey, SMC Initial / Intermediate survey)
- (b) any TZIRS registered vessel, prior to resuming service at the end of a lay-up period in excess of six months or following any substantial structural alteration.

4.2 Annual Flag Inspections

Annual Flag Inspections shall be applicable to all vessels registered with the TZIRS, except for:

- (i) unmanned barges;
- (ii) vessels under construction;
- (iii) pleasure yachts not engaged in the carriage of passengers for hire;
- (iv) vessels during an official Laid-Up Period;
- (v) vessels fishing in waters within Tanzanian jurisdiction; and
- (vi) cargo vessels under 500 gross tons.

The inspection will be carried out once in a year at a window of three months before and after the due date of inspection. The ships shall be sent for annual inspections before annual renewals of their flag certificates. The Administration shall suspend or revoke a registry certificate of any vessel which fails to carry out inspection within the Window Period without valid reasons.

The Administration will waive any ship from annual inspection provided that vessel has shown compliance through PSC inspection reports or Recognized Organization survey status and all the documentation pertaining crew and Registration is in order.

4.3 Semi Annual Flag Inspections

Passenger vessels, including high speed passenger ferries, are required to undergo flag inspections at six month intervals.

4.5 Special Flag Inspections

In addition to the above, any TZIRS registered vessel may also be required to undergo a special or unscheduled flag inspection at any time when the Administration is concerned on the safety of the ship. A vessel may be called for special inspections when-

- (a) it has been detained by PSC due to serious deficiencies;
- (b) it fails to carry out annual, intermediate or special surveys as required and class / statutory certificates have been therefore cancelled;

(c) it had a PSC Inspection and although is not detained, the deficiencies show a breakdown on the condition of the vessel;

Upon the request by Administration to carry out special inspection, the vessel shall inform the next three ports of arrival and the ETA for each port in order to coordinate with the closest and nearest Flag Inspector

5.0 FLAG STATE INSPECTORS

All flag inspections shall be carried out by duly appointed flag state surveyors or any qualified surveyors that may be authorized from time to time and under the direction of the Registration Department/Registrar. A list of flag surveyors and their operational zones will be published by the Administration in its website from time to time.

6.0 PAYMENT OF INSPECTION

The fees for inspection under this Circular shall be invoiced by Administration to the Companies/Owners from registration and annual fees and then paid directly to inspectors on specified rates that will be set and published from time to time. In addition to that, the owners shall be responsible to cover additional travelling expenses of flag surveyors that will be determined according to rates of available transport services to a particular area and per diem for living and accommodation.

7.0 INSPECTION PROCEDURES

The inspection under this Circular shall be conducted under procedures provided in the Annex.

The Circular will enter into effect as of 1ST April 2017

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