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TO: Recognised Organisations, Shipowners, Managers, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.



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In accordance with the main maritime international conventions, the Administration may entrust inspections and surveys on board ships to surveyors, nominated for the purpose as an “Authorised Surveyor”.

The San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority (SM MNA) has identified the following profiles and professional competencies for the eligibility of technical marine specialists as Authorised Surveyors.

Authorised Surveyors must have:

- (a) appropriate theoretical knowledge and practical experience of ships and their operation. They must be competent in the enforcement of the requirements of maritime international conventions and of ISO standard rules relevant to the ship’s certification process.
- (b) appropriate qualification from a marine or nautical institution and relevant seagoing experience as a certificated ship officer holding or having held a valid unlimited STCW II/2 (deck department) or III/2 (engine department). In this context, they shall have a maritime experience of at least 5 years, including periods served at sea as deck officers or engine officers; or
- (c) passed an examination recognised by the national competent Authority as a naval architect, mechanical engineer or an engineer related to the maritime fields and worked in that capacity for at least five years; or
- (d) a relevant university degree or equivalent, proper training as ship safety surveyors, and experience of at least five years in marine surveying.
- (e) completed a minimum of one year service as a marine technical surveyor dealing with surveys and certification in accordance with international conventions and/or marine ISO standards.
- (f) the ability to communicate orally and in writing with seafarers in maritime English.

Surveyors are authorised by the Administration to:

- (a) Require repairs to a ship, if necessary.
- (b) Promptly inform the Administration if a ship is not able to sail for further technical consideration.



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The level of authorisation to conduct surveys on behalf of the Administration is divided into the following categories in accordance with the surveyor's competencies:

- (a) San Marino Small and Large Yacht Code - inspections of pleasure yachts in private use below 300 GT;
- (b) San Marino Small Yacht Code - inspections of pleasure yachts in Commercial use below 24 metres in load line length;
- (c) Maritime Labour Convention 2006 initial, intermediate, and renewal inspections on pleasure yachts in commercial use below 24 metres load line length;
- (d) Simplified tonnage calculation for units below 24 metres in load line length.

Any other surveys not listed above shall be conducted by a San Marino Recognised Organisation.

In addition, for qualifications relevant to points II and III, surveyor must have specific training on the MLC 2006 Convention. Accepted training includes:

- (a) San Marino Recognised Organisation MLC 2006 training course;
- (b) San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority MLC 2006 training course;
- (c) Recognised professional MLC 2006 accreditation;

For points (b) (c), the San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority applies the following fees (training courses enquiries must be made to the Administration):

- (b) MLC 2006 San Marino Training Course: 300 € per person, minimum 6 attendees;
- (c) MLC 2006 Professional accreditation: 500 € per person.

In order for the SM MNA to verify the required professional experience and technical knowledge in the maritime field, surveyors shall submit a copy of their curriculum vitae and any additional documentary evidence to the following email address: technical@smsr.sm

The San Marino Maritime Navigation Authority's technical partner shall verify that the applicant has the requirements as provided in this Policy Letter and may provide for additional activities such as interviews and coaching sessions with senior surveyors.



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Upon successful verification of the documental evidence, the technical partner shall issue an endorsement letter to the Administration. Based on the endorsement, the Administration shall issue an authorisation certificate.

The administrative handling fee for the issuance of the authorisation certificate is € 300.00.

The certificate of Authorised Surveyor is valid for five years. The renewal fee is € 300.00.

For additional information, please refer to San Marino Ship Register at technical@smsr.sm