



INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 03

Authorised Classification Societies - Recognised Organisations & Recognised Security Organisations

Guidance for Bahamas Recognised Organisations, Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors, Ship Owners, Managers, Masters and Seafarers

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This bulletin details the organisations to which The Bahamas has entrusted survey, audit and certification under the provisions of the relevant regulations of the Conventions to which The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is a party.

2. Recognised Organisations & Recognised Security Organisations

- 2.1. The following twelve (12) organisations have been authorised to carry out statutory survey, audit and certification of Bahamian ships and audit and certification of Companies operating Bahamian ships.

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- Bureau Veritas (BV)
- China Classification Society (CCS)
- Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS)
- DNV GL AS¹ (DNV-GL)
- Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
- Korean Register of Shipping (KR)
- Lloyd's Register (LR)
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (Class NK – NKK)
- Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)
- Polski Rejestr Statkow (Polish Register of Shipping - PRS)
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

¹ DNV-GL AS operates under the existing agreement between BMA and Det Norske Veritas AS. (see Technical Alert 13-06)

3. Authorisation

- 3.1. The Bahamas has authorised the organisations listed above in accordance with IMO Assembly Resolution A.739(18) "*Guidelines For The Authorization Of Organizations Acting On Behalf Of The Administration*" and IMO Assembly Resolution A.789(19) "*Specifications On The Survey And Certification Functions Of Recognized Organizations Acting On Behalf Of The Administration*".
- 3.2. The organisations are further authorised in accordance with Regulations 5.1.1.3 and 5.1.2 of the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.
- 3.3. The scope of authorisation of the nominated organisations is as found in the document, "*The Bahamas National Requirements*", which is available on the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) website: (www.bahamasmaritime.com).
- 3.4. Details of Recognised Organisations and Recognised Security Organisations authorised by The Bahamas have been submitted to ILO and IMO and are listed on the ILO NORMLEX and IMO GISIS systems respectively.
- 3.5. Any request for clarification regarding the scope or extent of authority of a Recognised Organisation to represent or act on behalf of The Bahamas should be made directly to the BMA Inspections & Surveys department at tech@bahamasmaritime.com.

4. Revision History

Rev.5 (09 December 2014) – Addition of Indian Register of Shipping and merge of Det Norske Veritas and Germanischer Lloyd to DNV GL

Rev.4 (11 February 2014) – Addition of Polski Rejestr Statkow

Rev.3 (20 January 2014) – Addition of Croatian Register of Shipping

Rev.2 (03 October 2013) – Complete revision

Rev.1 (01 January 2008) – Complete revision