

Subject:

Engineer Manning Dispensation
Certificates for Liberian Flag
Ships

NK TECHNICAL INFORMATION

No. 34

Date: 16 May, 1985

To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

You may be aware that the Liberian Government, upon request from the Masters Owners, permits reduction in the number of engineer officers on board Liberian flag ships with notations of "Periodically Unattended Machinery Spaces" of approved Classification Societies, including NK, and issues a "Dispensation Certificate" to these ships.

In respect of the validity of the Dispensation Certificate, the Liberian Government has recently informed the Society of the following:

1. The Liberian Government is now making available, as an option to the annual Dispensation Certificate so far issued in accordance with the Marine Notice 9-255-1, a certificate with a longer term validity. The validity of this certificate will be synchronized to expire with the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate and be renewable at the time of the Special Survey.
2. The Certificate is to be endorsed upon reverse to maintain its validity after the annual survey relating to the notation of the "Periodically Unattended Machinery Spaces".

The Masters or Owners who wish to have their Dispensation Certificate on board endorsed after completion of the annual survey for the maintenance of the class notation "MO" or MO.A" should ask the attending Surveyor to endorse the Certificate.

For information, a copy of the letter from the Liberian Government which states, amongst others, the procedures for obtaining Dispensation Certificates is attached hereto.

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Attachment: A copy of the letter from the Liberian Government dated 22 October 1984





THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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Gentlemen:

Engineer Manning Dispensations
Ref: Marine Notice 9-255-1

1. The Administration is now making available, as an option to the annual Dispensation Certificate issued in accordance with the above Marine Notice, a certificate with a longer term validity.
2. The validity of this certificate will be synchronized to expire with the Safety Construction Certificate and will be renewable at the time of the Special Survey.
3. The requirement of paragraph 4.2 of the above Marine Notice, for an annual survey to maintain the dispensation, will remain. On satisfactory completion of that annual survey, the certificate is to be endorsed upon the reverse to maintain its validity.
4. For vessels classed with American Bureau of Shipping, Bureau Veritas, Det norske Veritas, or Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, the surveyors, completing the annual surveys for the maintenance of the Class notations for Periodically Unattended Machinery Spaces (PUMS), should be requested by the Masters or Owner's representatives to endorse the Dispensation Certificate as indicated on the attached proforma.
5. For Germanischer Lloyd, the first and third endorsement should be made on completion of an examination, the content of which is indicated in paragraph 4.2.2 of the above Marine Notice. The second

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PUMS

and fourth endorsement should be made on completion of the biannual AUT 4 surveys required for the maintenance of the Class 'AUT' notation.

6. For Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the annual examination referred to in 5 above should be carried out within three months before and three months after each anniversary date of the Dispensation Certificate.

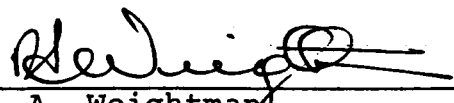
7. Completion of these surveys and the endorsement of the Certificate will be the Owner's and Master's responsibility. It will be verified at each Liberian Annual Safety Inspection, as part of the manning check as it is now. If the inspector finds that the number or grades of engineers on board does not conform with that stipulated on the "Minimum Safe Manning Certificate," he will ask for the Dispensation Certificate, and provided it is valid and has been endorsed correctly, no further action will be necessary. Vessels carrying invalid certificates, either through expiry or missed or unsatisfactory surveys and consequently missing endorsements, will be detained, either until a survey is conducted, or the full complement of engineers is on board.

The charge for the issue of the longer term certificate will be U.S. Dollars 50.00. Checks drawn on a U.S. Bank should be attached with the application for renewal of the Dispensation.

The longer term certificates will be issued upon receipt of applications with two years or more left on the Safety Construction Certificate, from 1 November 1984.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE SENIOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, R. L.

By: 
R. A. Weightman
Chief, Technical Division

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Enclosures: Certificate
Procedures Letter
Letter sent to Owner



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Gentlemen:

Official Number
Engineer Complement

This concerns your letter dated _____. Please be informed that until this dispensation expires on _____, this ship may operate without a licensed Third Assistant Engineer, providing all other applicable Liberian Maritime Regulations are complied with.

In accordance with Liberian Maritime Regulation 10.292(2)(b), this reduction in licensed manning is authorized on the basis of the ship having an approved periodically unattended machinery space as indicated by the Classification Notation _____ and, will remain valid provided the annual Class surveys or examinations as directed by the Bureau of Maritime Affairs are completed and the certificate is endorsed on the reverse.

Application for renewal of this dispensation should be made at least two months before the certificate expires. The application should be accompanied by documentary evidence of the periodic survey of the automated arrangements. The report should indicate clearly that the Class notation for the Periodically Unattended Machinery Space has been re-assigned for a further four/five year period.

The attached certificate is to be placed on board the ship for the information of Liberian nautical inspectors during annual safety inspections. It should be noted that if a valid certificate is not on board, the vessel may be subject to detention.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE SENIOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, R. L.

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Chief, Technical Division

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Enclosure: Certificate
Procedures Letter



LONG TERM CERTIFICATE

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Bureau of Maritime Affairs

NO. _____

DISPENSATION CERTIFICATE

Issued under the provisions of the
LIBERIAN MARITIME REGULATIONS

NAME OF SHIP	DISTINCTIVE NUMBER OR LETTERS	PORT OF REGISTRY	GROSS TONNAGE

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs for the Republic of Liberia certifies that the above-mentioned ship is, under the authority conferred by Regulation _____ of Liberian Maritime Regulations _____ exempted from the requirements of Regulation _____

This Certificate is issued by authority of the Government of the Republic

of Liberia. It will remain in force until _____ 19 _____

Issued at _____ the _____ day of _____ 19 _____

The undersigned declares that he is duly authorized by the said Government to issue this Certificate.

Chief of Technical Division

Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs, R.L.

ENDORSEMENT

ANNUAL SURVEY OR EXAMINATION

This is to certify that, at a survey required by the Classification Society Rules for Automated Machinery and the Administrations Marine Notice No. 9-255-1, the arrangements were found to be operating efficiently and, subject to continuing maintenance and care, are likely to continue to operate efficiently for at least a further twelve months.

Place _____ Date _____
First Annual Survey due between _____ 19 ____ and _____ 19 ____
Surveyor to _____
Place _____ Date _____
Second Annual Survey due between _____ 19 ____ and _____ 19 ____
Surveyor to _____
Place _____ Date _____
Third Annual Survey due between _____ 19 ____ and _____ 19 ____
Surveyor to _____
Place _____ Date _____
Fourth Annual Survey due between _____ 19 ____ and _____ 19 ____
Surveyor to _____

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PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING DISPENSATION CERTIFICATE

The procedure for obtaining a reduction in licensed engine room personnel in ships with periodically unattended machinery spaces (PUMS) has now been revised and a new Marine Notice is in the process of being issued.

The requirements are as follows:

1. The vessel must be assigned one of the following classification notations in order to obtain a reduction in manning levels:

American Bureau of Shipping	- ACCU
Bureau Veritas	- AUT or AUT-MS
Det norske Veritas	- EO
Germanischer Lloyd	- AUT
Lloyd's Register of Shipping	- UMS
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai	- MO

2. An initial inspection and subsequent annual inspections must be carried out to verify the arrangements are in order and continue to operate efficiently.
3. A Dispensation Certificate will be issued, valid either for one year, or a longer term, on receipt of an application accompanied by:
 - (a) A copy of the initial examination report.
 - (b) For "New" vessels, a copy of the log extract or other documentation indicating the prescribed minimum 30 day operational period at sea has been completed.
 - (c) A copy of the classification assignment certificate.
 - (d) A change of US \$25 will be made for the annual certificate, and US \$50 for the longer term certificate.
4. The Dispensation Certificate will be renewed on receipt of an application accompanied by:
 - (a) for the longer term certificate, a report of the Classification Society's Periodic Survey.
 - (b) for the annual certificate:
 - i. for vessels classed with ABS, BV, DNV, or NKK, a copy of the last annual PUMS survey report carried out within the last four months verifying the arrangements continue to operate efficiently;or,

- ii. for vessels classed with GL or LRS (1) a copy of an annual PUMS examination report carried out within three months of the expiry date of the Dispensation Certificate, or (2) a copy of the class periodic PUMS survey report carried out within four months before or two months after the expiry date of the Certificate.
5. The application for renewal should be made at least two months before the expiry date of the Certificate and, when 4(b)(ii)(2) is intended, the date the survey is due and scheduled should be included in the application and the report forwarded when the survey is completed.
6. Where time does not permit normal mailing procedures, a telex application supported by a telex from the relevant Classification Society confirming satisfactory completion of the examination or survey will be accepted but should be confirmed in due course by letter.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Weightman
Chief, Technical Division

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