

Commonwealth of Dominica



Office of the Maritime Administrator

TO: RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION AS A RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION

REFERENCE:

- (a) **Resolution A.789(19) - Specifications on the survey and certification functions of Recognized Organizations acting on behalf of the Administration;**
- (b) **Resolution A.739(18) – Guidelines for the authorization of Recognized Organizations acting on behalf of the Administration;**
- (c) **MSC/Circ.788 – Authorization of Recognized Organizations acting on behalf of the Administration;**
- (d) **CDP 101 – The International Maritime Act, 2002; and**
- (e) **CDP 102 – Dominica Maritime Regulations, 2002.**

APPLICABILITY: The information in this circular applies to all parties seeking initial authorization as a Recognized Organization for Classification and/or Statutory Certification of vessels that fall under the requirements of IMO instruments.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned the application process and requirements for authorization as a Recognized Organization (RO) operating on behalf of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

BACKGROUND:

The Maritime Safety Committee, the Marine Environmental Protection Committee, and the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization have developed specifications and guidelines for the authorization of Organizations acting on behalf of Administrations which can be found throughout the references documents.

REQUIREMENTS:

General

The Commonwealth of Dominica Maritime Administration requires that all organizations providing classification and/or statutory certification to vessels flying the flag of Dominica enter into an Agreement for Recognized Organizations. Any such organization must complete an application for review and approval and undergo an audit for formal authorization.

Dominica Maritime Administration will not authorize any more than six (6) non-IACS classification societies at any given time. Requests for authorization as a Recognized Organization for classification and/or statutory certification of Dominica vessels that do not fall under the requirements of IMO instruments may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Organizations to which this circular applies shall be required to operate in accordance with Resolutions A.789(10) and A.739(18) which will be verified during an audit within the first 6-12 months of authorization.

Interested organizations are requested to submit a formal request to the Technical Department at the Office of Maritime Affairs. The request will be reviewed and an application will be provided.

Any questions can be directed to:

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