

Commonwealth of Dominica



Office of the Maritime Administrator

To: All Vessel Owners, Operators, Crew Managers, Mariners and Regional Offices

Subject: “Type Approvals” and “to the satisfaction of the Administration” criteria

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Circular is to issue guidance for “Type Approvals” and “to the satisfaction of the Administration” criteria, in accordance with applicable International Maritime Organization (“IMO”) instruments and the laws of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

TYPE APPROVALS

Equipment will be considered to fall into two different categories:

- .1 Equipment specified by the IMO, where there are standards developed by Imo Committees. Recognized Organizations (“ROs”) shall accept such approved/adopted equipment for use on Dominica registered vessels as having been approved by the Administration and included in the list of approved equipment.
- .2 Equipment not specified by the IMO, where Conventions require “type approved” equipment: the Administration, in accordance with the provisions of the Conventions, will accept equipment approved by IMO Member States, where those Member States have provisions for approval of certain types of equipment and organizations must accept the equipment so approved.

In cases not covered by either of the above, ROs acting on behalf of the Administration, shall accept national or international standards, or the standards developed by experienced organizations, for equipment or materials on board Dominica vessels.

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In such circumstances, the ROs must submit to the Administration, the list of equipment that has been approved, when such approvals are required.

“To the satisfaction of the Administration” Criteria

The Administration will apply, in all cases in which a Conventions or Instrument ratified by the Commonwealth of Dominica mention the phrase “to the satisfaction of the Administration”, the rules or interpretations made by national or international standards or standards developed by experienced organizations for these cases, such as the unified interpretations of the International Association of Classification Societies (“IACS”).

The Administration may establish their own interpretations to provide satisfactory ways of complying with the certain provisions of the Conventions; in which case, it is applied exclusively to all Dominica-flagged ships.

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