

Commonwealth of Dominica



Office of the Maritime Administrator

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS

SUBJECT: RECYCLING OF SHIPS

REFERENCE: (a) HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009;

(b) RESOLUTION A.962(23) – IMO GUIDELINES ON SHIP RECYCLING

APPLICABILITY: All Dominica registered vessels

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned the new requirements regarding the recycling of ships flagged with the Commonwealth of Dominica.

BACKGROUND:

On 19 May 2009 the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships was adopted by SR/CONF/45. Through 21 Articles, the Convention provides rules and regulations for Administrations, facilities, and owners regarding the recycling of ships including but not limited to: information exchange, preparation, inspection, technical assistance, and reporting of recycling of ships.

REQUIREMENTS:**General**

1. A Ship Recycling Facility when preparing to receive a ship for recycling shall notify in due time and in writing its Competent Authority(ies) of the intent. The notification shall include the minimum required details as per the Convention;
2. Vessels shall only be recycled at facilities authorized in accordance with the Convention;
3. Vessel owners and crew shall conduct operations prior to entering the Ship Recycling Facility so as to minimize the amount of possibly hazardous waste to the environment;
4. The vessel owner must also ensure compliance with all other requirements according to Regulation 8 of Part B of the Convention.

Applicability

- 1 The Convention is applicable to all ships of 500 GT or more.

Required Action by Owners/Operators

- 1 Vessel owners intending to recycle a ship under his/her ownership shall notify the Administration in due time and in writing of the intention to recycle a ship in order to enable the Administration to prepare for the survey and certification required by the Convention;
- 2 Vessel owners must ensure payment has been received by the Regional Office and/or Head Office prior to commencing recycling of the vessel;
- 3 Vessel owners must ensure that appropriate survey and certification of the vessel is performed prior to commencing recycling of the vessel;
- 4 Vessel owners/operators must ensure that an Inventory of Hazardous Materials is kept on board in accordance with Regulation 5 of Chapter 2 of the Convention as follows:

- a. New ships – Before entering trade; and
 - b. Existing ships – within five (5) years of publication of this Circular or before commencing recycling, whichever occurs soonest.
- 5 Owners must ensure compliance with all other Rules and Regulations of the Convention as applicable.

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