



INDIAN OCEAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PORT STATE CONTROL.

GUIDANCE TO THE PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS

MERGER OF DET NORSKE VERITAS AND GERMANISCHER LLOYD

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1 Introduction

Det Norske Veritas (DNV) and Germanischer Lloyd (GL) have been merged into a new entity under the name of DNV GL AS. Based on the received information, the two recognized organizations have started joint operations as one society from December 2013.

For the purpose of assisting PSC officers while reporting the PSC inspection, the Secretariat has generated a new RO code.

2 Guidance

RO Codes.

2.1 A new RO code "278 - DNV GL AS" has been created for implementation from 1 January 2014. Meanwhile the existing RO codes for DNV and GL would remain effective until such a time that certificates issued by DNV or GL become invalid.

Documents and Certificates

2.2 In order to ensure that accurate and correct information is recorded during inspections, the following approach as per the joint statement from Det Norske Veritas AS and GL SE dated 22 November 2013, needs to be followed:

New Statutory Certificates

2.2.1 If new statutory certificates for ships issued by DNV GL AS are found, they should be recorded against this new RO subject to evidence of recognition of DNV GL AS by relevant flag State in accordance with SOLAS Chapter I, Regulation 6.

Existing Statutory Certificates

2.2.2 Existing statutory certificates issued by DNV or GL should be considered as remaining valid and should be recorded against DNV or GL respectively.

Documents and other Certificates

2.2.3 With respect to the documents and other certificates on ships which have been endorsed and/or approved by a recognized organization on behalf of a flag State, the merger of DNV and GL has no influence on the approval status of these documents. Therefore, if the relevant statutory certificates were issued by DNV or GL, no new approval needs to be ensured for those documents issued by DNVGL AS. However a confirmation of the flag State may be considered, in case that documentation approved by DNV or GL is used in support of the statutory certificate issued by DNV GL AS.

Recording in IOCIS

2.3 In accordance with the above, references to DNV, GL and DNV GL AS should be recorded separately in the IOCIS under the codes 128, 132 and 278 respectively.

Clarification

3. In case of any clarification/questions arising during PSC inspections, the PSCO is invited to seek clarification from their Administration and/or the relevant flag State before recording an associated deficiency or considering detaining the ship.