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### Subject : Services by service suppliers

This is to inform you that our policy for acknowledgement and recognition of services provided by service suppliers approved by Korean Register is changed and effective from the service to be commenced from 15th July 2011 as follows:

#### 1. Background

Inspection of equipment by service suppliers is to improve the safety of the ship and to conduct seamless survey. Thus, in principle, services by an approved service supplier shall be carried out at the same period of any periodical survey including occasional survey and an approval of a classification society's surveyor is required..

But, owing to various circumstances, the inspection report that had been issued by service suppliers within 3 months before or after a periodical survey without an attending surveyor has been accepted. Recently, a few service reports which have been early written before periodical survey have exceeded validity and it have caused a ship to be targeted for PSC inspection. Sometimes, these acknowledgement and recognition have been misused.

Therefore, following changes for new standards for service reports by approved service suppliers will be implemented.

#### 2. New standards for service reports

2.1 Services by the approved service suppliers shall be carried out at the same period of any periodical survey including occasional survey to be done by class surveyors. Such services not performed at the same period of any periodical survey including occasional survey shall not be accepted except the followings :

- .1 annual shore-based service for life rafts
- .2 the 5 yearly shore-based test
- .3 the 5 yearly or 10 yearly hydraulic pressure test for gas and air bottles
- .4 air bubble test for immersion suits.

2.2 When a TOC (transfer of class) survey is not carried out at the window of periodical survey, an inspection by an approved service supplier is required in principle. However,

### 2.2.1 In case the ship's flag is not change

- services by the approved service supplier **except Safety Radio service suppliers** may be omitted and the previous service reports may be acceptable

### 2.2.2 In case the ship's flag is changed

- In case service suppliers' inspection service approved by a losing classification society of IACS members were done within 3 months from the completion of TOC survey, services by the approved service supplier **except Safety Radio service suppliers** may be omitted and the previous service reports may be acceptable

2.2.3 In any case. **the inspection for SR survey by the approved service supplier should be carried out at the same period of TOC survey.**

## 3. Definition of 'at the same period of'

- 'At the same period of' means the period between date of commencement and completion of periodical survey including occasional survey.

#### 4. Implications for ship owners

- Arrange a service supplier to carry out a service at the same period of periodical survey including occasional survey. In principle, all anniversary surveys for SOLAS, ILL and MARPOL conventions should be carried out simultaneously. If the circumstance does not allow, a particular anniversary survey like SR may be carried out independently within the time window of the assigned survey ( $\pm 3$  months)

#### 5. Implications for surveyors of the classification society

- Confirm that a service has been carried by service suppliers at the same period of periodical survey including occasional survey and supervise the service as far as possible.

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