



MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 12

To:

Owners/Operators/Managers, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognized Organizations (RO)

Subject:

Requirements for the issuance of Exemption Certificates

Date:

09th of April 2015

Reference:

**SOLAS 1974, Regulation I/12; 1988 SOLAS Protocol, Regulation I/12
MARPOL 73/78 Annex I Regulation 3; Annex II Regulation 4; Annex VI Regulation 3
LL Convention Article 6; 1988 LL Protocol Article 6
IMO Resolution MSC.122(75) for specific exemptions in the IMDG Code
IMO SLS.14/Circ.115 Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3**

Purpose

To inform all interested parties on the requirements and procedures for the issuance of an Exemption Certificate for Sierra Leonean vessels.

Application

1. This Circular applies to all Sierra Leonean vessels.

2. A request for an exemption to be granted to a vessel in accordance with the provisions of an International Convention / Code must be submitted to SLMARAD by the Recognized Organization.

3. The request must include the following:
 - SLMARAD Application Form "AFE01" properly filled out
 - Copy of the relevant statutory certificate and its attached forms and/or supplements.

4. SLMARAD will review the request and may grant exemptions from the provisions of an International Convention / Code if the vessel complies with the conditions established by such Conventions / Codes for the specific exemption.
5. Upon reviewing the application, SLMARAD will authorize the Recognized Organization to issue the Exemption Certificate by submitting an authorization number. The authorization number must be visible on the Exemption Certificate.
6. In case the request for an exemption is rejected, SLMARAD will inform the Recognized Organization on the grounds of such rejection.
7. The validity of the Exemption Certificate must be identical to the relevant statutory certificate, unless SLMARAD advises otherwise.
8. Copy of the issued Exemption Certificate must be submitted by the Recognized Organization to SLMARAD within three (3) working days upon the date of issuance.
9. The fee for the issuance of an Exemption Certificate is 280 USD
10. In special circumstances SLMARAD may issue directly an Exemption Certificate after receiving a request from the Recognized Organization. The Recognized Organization must submit the documents specified in paragraph 3.
11. SLMARAD will authorize Recognized Organizations to renew previous Exemption Certificates after the documents specified in paragraph 3 are submitted collectively with the previous Exemption Certificate.
12. Recognized Organizations cannot issue or renew an Exemption Certificate prior SLMARAD's approval.

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