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(Supersedes Marine Advisory: 28/2022 dated 20 December 2022)

Subject: Extension of Statutory Renewal Surveys and Dry-dock Survey

The following changes have been included:

- a. Amended extension period for renewal and dry-dock surveys
- b. Provided additional clarification to the term '*Maximum Extent Practicable*'

Dear Shipowners/Operators/Recognized Organizations/Masters:

The purpose of this Marine Advisory is to provide guidance to ensure that any request for this Administration to grant authorization for an extension of statutory renewal and dry-dock surveys is made on a sound basis in the International Conventions and to minimize the concern of any Port State with that authorization.

In all cases, sufficient planning for a vessel's due renewal surveys and dry-docking is to be done in a timely manner so that in most cases, no extension of these surveys will be needed, and they can be completed by their due date.

If, after due diligence has been demonstrated that all attempts to complete surveys by their due dates have been made, but due to exceptional circumstances they cannot, this Administration will consider extending the surveys. The extension period will be for the minimum time necessary to complete the surveys and will not exceed one (1) month.

The vessel's class society should be contacted about their requirements for the extension, which along with their recommendation for the extension and the information listed below, shall be forwarded to this office:

- 1) Current Survey Status
- 2) Three (3) authentic shipyard letters indicating non-availability of dry-docking space (refer to [appendix 1](#))
- 3) Confirmation of firm dry-dock booking
- 4) Any outstanding conditions

Upon satisfactory review, the Administration may authorize the vessel's class society to issue a short-term Safety Construction certificate after progressing the renewal survey to the maximum extent practicable. All other statutory renewal surveys shall be completed by their due date.

Maximum Extent Practicable should be interpreted as the attendance on which all statutory items, required to be surveyed during renewal surveys, including applicable thickness measurements and close-up surveys as far as practicable, have been completed except for items which can only be verified in dry-dock.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Regulations and Standards Department at RegsAndStandards@liscr.com.

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Appendix 1
Non-authentic Non-availability Letters

The Administration was provided the following non-availability letter first:

Date: 17th November 2022

Subject: DD slot unavailable for until End March 2023

Dear Sir,

We are sorry to report that our dock slots have been fully booked and the earliest available dock slot will be on the end of March 2023 due to cause of COVID-19 restrictions and our already very tight booking situation.

So we confirm your firm booking for the end of March 2023.

Sorry for any inconvenience which may arise therefrom and pls keep in close contact.

Thank you and best regards.

Then when circumstances changed with the vessel, the Administration was provided this letter, from the same shipyard:

Date: 17th November 2022

Subject: DD slot unavailable for until Beg Feb 2023

Dear Sirs,

We are sorry to report that our dock slot has been fully booked and the earliest available dock slot will be on/around beg of February 2023 due to cause of COVID-19 restrictions and our already very tight booking situation.

So we confirm our firm booking for the beginning of February 2023.

Sorry for the inconvenience may arise therefrom and please keep in close contact.