

Notification for Selecting Service Supplier Engaged in Measurements and Inspections

To all ship-owners, Management Companies:

During the service life of a ship, service supplier will be invited to provide services on behalf of the owner or operator, such as measurements, tests or maintenance of safety systems and equipments. These services may include, but not limited, the thickness measurement, in-water survey, servicing and testing of radio communication equipment, annual performance testing of Voyage Data Recorders (VDR), or S-VDR, and surveys and maintenance of fire extinguishing equipment and system. For the purpose of preventing the hidden danger of safety and reducing the risk of detention in Port State Control, which may be caused by poor quality services, please be kindly noticed as follows when selecting service supplier.

1. General Requirement

- 1.1 Service supplier results of which are used by Surveyors in making decisions affecting classification are subject to approval by CCS in accordance with the mandatory procedures in CCS Rules for Classification of Sea-going Steel Ships 2006 (Rules, same as follows), PART ONE, Chapter 5, appendix 8.
- 1.2 Where such services are used by Surveyors in making decisions affecting statutory certifications, the Service suppliers are subject to approval by CCS where CCS is so authorized by the relevant flag Administration. For such services CCS may accept approvals done by:
 - (1) the flag Administration itself;
 - (2) duly authorized organizations acting on behalf of the flag Administration, or
 - (3) other organizations that are acceptable to the flag Administration.(e.g. other governments, etc.)
- 1.3 Where non-conformance with the classification or statutory requirements was found, the surveyor of CCS may reject the result of the service. And another service supplier should be arranged by owner/operator to provide the service in such case.

2. Additional requirements

- 2.1 For the Thickness measurement and In-water survey:
 - (1) Thickness measurement and in-water survey should be conducted under the supervision of CCS surveyor.
 - (2) If local service supplier(s) approved by CCS is available in the country or the region where the port locates, the service suppliers must be exclusively selected. In such case, Non-CCS approval service supplier will not be accepted.
 - (3) If there is no local service supplier approved by CCS, only confirmed by CCS the local service supplier that approved by other IACS member society but CCS, might be accepted case by case.

- (4) Eng If there is no local In-water survey service suppliers approved by CCS or IACS member Societies, approval by flag administration may be accepted upon the confirmation from CCS on basis of case by case.

2.2 For the services concerning Statutory Certification, such as servicing and testing of radio communication equipment, annual performance testing of Voyage Data Recorders (VDR) or S-VDR, and surveys and maintenance of fire extinguishing equipment and system:

In principle, if local service supplier approved by CCS is available in the country or the region where the port locates, such service supplier should be selected. And,

- (1) Periodical servicing and testing of radio communication equipment should be conducted together with periodical survey of Safety Radio Certificate, and be witnessed by CCS surveyor on site.

If there is no local service supplier approved by CCS, upon the confirmation from CCS on basis of case by case; the approvals by other IACS members may be accepted.

- (2) If there is no local service supplier for annual performance testing of Voyage Data Recorders (VDR), or S-VDR approved by CCS, CCS may accept approval by flag Administration or other IACS members. A copy of approval certificate need to be kept on board.

When a service supplier, who was authorized by the manufacturer but without approval of flag Administration or other IACS members, is selected to provide annual performance testing of Voyage Data Recorders (VDR), or S-VDR, this service should be conducted under supervision of CCS surveyor.

- (3) For other services, If there is no local service supplier approved by CCS, CCS may accept approval done by and in following priority::

- a) the flag Administration itself;
- b) duly authorized organizations acting on behalf of the flag Administration, or;
- c) other organizations that are acceptable to the flag Administration.(e.g. other governments, etc.)

In such case, a copy of approval certificate needs to be kept on board for reviewing.

Your recommendation of excellent service supplier for approval will be appreciated.

Classed ship in Service Dept.
CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY