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TO: to all NV Surveyors & Auditors and technical personnel

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SERVICE SUPPLIER RO CODE REQUIREMENTS

A) INTRODUCTION

The IMO Recognized Organization (RO) Code (IMO resolutions [MSC. 349\(92\)](#) and [MEPC.237 \(65\)](#)) will be effective from 1st Jan 2015. One of the requirements of Code is that all service suppliers servicing the vessels under RO shall be approved by the RO. Therefore, from 1st January 2015, upwards all service providers should be approved by the RO even if they have been previously approved by any other class societies including IACS members.

B) REQUIREMENTS

“Subcontracting and service suppliers - (5.9 .1 of the Code) Where an RO chooses to outsource any service that affects conformity to requirements or accepts work of a third party approved by the RO, the RO shall ensure that it fully controls the performance of such services. The flag State may increase the scope of control to be applied to these outsourced services. The process for outsourcing shall be defined within the RO's quality management system. For the purpose of accountability to the flag State, the work performed by the sub-contracted organization or service supplier constitutes the work of the RO and shall be subject to the requirements incumbent upon the RO under this Code.

Firms providing services on behalf of the owner of a ship or a mobile offshore drilling unit, the results of which are used by the RO in making decisions affecting the statutory certification and services

shall be subject to approval and control by either the flag State or the RO in accordance with the procedures under their respective quality management system or the flag State requirements.”

For reference, the category of service suppliers are also listed.

1. Firms Carrying out In-Water Survey
2. Firms Engaged in Radio Equipment Services
3. Firms Engaged in Survey and Maintenance of Life Saving Appliances
4. Firms Engaged in Surveys and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers
5. Firms Engaged in Thickness Measurements.

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ANNEXES