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**TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES/OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : GUIDANCE ON THE STATUS OF ACCREDITATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES AND ITS EFFECT TO THE VALIDITY OF SHIP SAFETY CERTIFICATES**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 474, Republic Act No. 9295 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and in view of the adoption of MC No. MS-2020-01, taking into consideration its transitory provision requiring all existing Classification Societies giving Classification Services for domestic ships, whether those accredited under MC No. 165 or members of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS), to comply within one (1) year after its effectivity or from 17 October 2020 to 16 October 2021, the following guidance is hereby provided:

1. The Class Certificate issued to a ship by a Local Classification Society (accredited under M.C, No. 165 ) whose Certificate of Accreditation (COA) has expired and unable to secure accreditation under MC No. MS-2020-01 shall be considered valid, only when it is issued, endorsed or renewed prior to the expiration of the COA.
2. The Class Certificate issued to a ship by a member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) which was unable to secure accreditation under MC No. MS-2020-01 shall be considered valid, only when it is issued, endorsed or renewed on or prior to the end of the transition period or until 16 October 2021.
3. A ship with a Class Certificate not endorsed or renewed under paragraph 1 and 2 above shall be given six (6) months to transfer to another Class Society with a valid COA. Further, a Ship Safety Certificate can be issued valid for six (6) months provided that all other requirements under the MARINA Ship Survey System (3S) are complied with.

For guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

  
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