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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships and Recognized Organizations

## VALIDITY OF STATUTORY CERTIFICATES FOR VESSELS IN LAY-UP

Vanuatu Maritime Services, Ltd. ("VMSL") as the Flag Administrator for the Republic of Vanuatu for the International Ship Registry has established the policy that all mandatory statutory surveys expiring while the vessel is in confirmed lay-up status by its Recognized Organization may be held in abeyance until the subject vessel is reactivated. All due and overdue mandatory surveys must be satisfactorily completed prior to the vessel returning to service.

We kindly request the cooperation of all concerned parties

  
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by the direction of the  
Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs  
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