

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 26 OF 2007

(Miscellaneous Information)

Extended Period of Validity of Certificate of Survey for Certain Local Vessels and Arranging Periodical Survey Prior to the Expiry of the Existing Certificates under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548)

This notice draws the attention of owners, agents, coxswains and persons-in-charge of locally licensed vessels on the extended periods of validity of the Certificates of Survey allowable for certain classes, types and categories of locally licensed vessels under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance; the condition to be met for such extended period of validity of Certificates of Survey to be issued; and the availability of a 2-month survey window period prior to the expiry of a certificate for arranging and conducting periodical survey in order to avoid undue interruption to the operation of the vessel.

Validity of Certificate of Survey for Certain Local Vessels

2. Under section 27 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548 G), the validity of the Certificate of Survey of a locally licensed vessel can either be-

- (a) 12 month from the date of completion of the survey; or
- (b) such longer or shorter period as specified by the Director of Marine in the Certificate.

3. It has been decided that for certain types and categories of Class II and Class III vessels, their Certificates of Survey can be specified with validity longer than 12 months. The details are as follows:

- (a) The Certificate of Survey for the following classes, types and categories of vessels will normally be valid for 24 months from the date of completion of the survey, or the expiry date of the existing certificates if the existing certificates have not expired on the date of completion of the survey, whichever is the later, but in no circumstance will a certificate be valid for more than 26 months:

Class	Category	Descriptions of the Vessels	Type of Vessels
II	B	Non-self propelled wooden vessels	Landing platform, landing pontoon, transportation sampan, work boat.
II	B	Non-self propelled GRP vessels	Landing platform, landing pontoon, transportation sampan, work boat.
II	B	Steel landing platform	Landing Platform
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II	B	Stationary vessels that are ice boat, fish drying barge, waste water treatment barge and live fish dealing boat with the product of length overall (m) and extreme breadth (m) of or exceeding 25 m ²	Stationary vessel
III	B	Wooden fishing vessels that are 8 m or more in length	Fishing Vessel (Wooden) 8 m ≤ (L)
III	B	GRP fishing sampans that are between 8 m and 15 m in length	Fishing Sampan (GRP) 8 m ≤ (L) < 15 m
III	B	GRP fishing sampans that are less than 8 m in length plying within Hong Kong waters	Fishing Sampan (GRP) (L) < 8 m

- (b) The Certificates of Survey of the following classes, types and categories of vessels will normally be valid for 36 months from the date of completion of the survey, or the expiry date of the existing certificates if the existing certificates have not expired on the date of completion of the survey, whichever is the later, but in no circumstance will a certificate be valid for more than 38 months:-

Class	Category	Description of the Vessels	Type of Vessels
II	B	Stationary vessels (except kitchen boat) with the product of length overall (m) and extreme breadth (m) not exceeding 25 m ² .	Stationary vessels (except kitchen boat) length overall x extreme breadth < 25 m ²
III	B	Wooden fishing sampans that are less than 8 m in registered length plying within Hong Kong waters	Fishing Sampan (Wooden) (L) < 8 m

- (c) For both (a) and (b) above, the issue of a Certificate of Survey with validity longer than 12 months are subject to the condition that the owner of the vessel has to submit a “Declaration of Safety and Equipment” annually during the period of validity of the certificate to declare that the condition of vessel and its equipment are maintained in accordance with the safety standard as stipulated in the relevant Code of Practice. This Declaration is to be submitted at the time when the owner applies for the subsequent annual renewal of the vessel’s licence. The form of the Declaration is attached at Appendix.

4. Apart from those classes, types and categories of vessels listed in paragraph 3 above, the certificates (including certificate of inspection, certificate of survey, survey record of safety equipment, Hong Kong load line certificate, freeboard assignment certificate, and declaration of fitness for the carriage of dangerous goods) issued to all other vessels will normally be valid for 12 months from the date of completion of the survey, or the expiry date of the existing certificates if the existing certificates have not expired on the date of completion of the survey, whichever is the later, but in no circumstance will a certificate be valid for more than 14 months.

Two-month Survey Window Period prior to expiry of existing certificate

5. Irrespective of the different periods of validity of certificates mentioned-above, a two-month survey window period prior to the expiry of a certificate is provided to allow the owner, agent, coxswain or persons-in-charge of the vessel to arrange for survey and certificate renewal in advance.

Time required for issuing certificate after completion of survey

6. When the initial or periodical survey of a vessel is carried out by Marine Department, two working days are normally required for issuance of the relevant certificate due to data confirmation and input procedures.

7. Under the authorization system, when the initial or periodical survey of a vessel is carried out by an authorized surveyor / organization or recognized authority, a "declaration of survey" is required to be submitted to Marine Department within 14 calendar days from the date of completion of the survey. The relevant certificate will be ready after three working days upon receiving the "declaration of survey" and the document found in order. If deemed necessary, Local Vessels Safety Section will contact the shipowner or agent to make audit check arrangements normally within three working days after receiving the "declaration of survey". Upon passing the audit check, the relevant certificate will be ready for collection within the next working day.

Arranging periodical survey within the 2-month survey window period prior to the expiry of the existing certificate

8. Due to the change of survey system under the new legislation, Marine Department will require time to issue the relevant certificate after completion of survey, particularly in the case where a vessel is surveyed by an authorized surveyor / organization or recognized authority. Owners, agents, coxswains or persons-in-charge of locally licensed vessels are therefore urged to make full use of the 2-month survey window period and arrange for the periodical survey of their vessels well in advance of the expiry of the existing certificates, failing which the new certificates may not be issued in time for the continuous operation of their vessels.

Enquiries

9. For enquiries, please contact the Local Vessels Safety Section, 23/F Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong, telephone number 2852 4431 or facsimile number 2542 4679.

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Declaration of Safety and Equipment for Class II B or III B vessels

(To be completed before licence renewal)
(Please refer to Page 2 for the applicability of this "Declaration")

1. This declaration is to be completed in accordance with the relevant standard and guidance provided in the "Code of Practice - Safety Standard for Classes I, II and III vessels". The owner or the coxswain should inspect and declare the safety and equipment of his vessel within 2 month before the 1st / 2nd anniversary date of the Certificate of Survey, and produce this declaration together with the Certificate of Survey to the Marine Department for the annual renewal of licence.

Name of Vessel..... Name of owner

Certificate of Ownership number..... Approval in Principle number.....

Class Category Type

Length Overall (m) Length (L) (m) Extreme Breadth (m) Hull Material.....

Gross Tonnage..... Net Tonnage Length Overall x Extreme Breadth numeral (m²).....

Last inspection date of certificate : _____

Expiry date of Certificate of Survey : _____

2. I, (name), *Owner/Coxswain of the above named vessel, hereby declare that:

- (a) The equipment and quantities of LSA and FFA onboard this vessel are found to be in accordance with the Certificate of Survey and have been maintained in good conditions, and that no expired equipment (if such equipment have expiry date) is still being provided for use;
- (b) The radio communication equipment (if any) is in good working condition;
- (c) The vessel is properly fitted with navigational equipment, light and sound signals in compliance with the COLREG 1972 regulations;
- (d) The conditions of the vessel's hull, structure, watertight doors and hatches, machinery, electrical apparatus and escape routes are found in good condition and fit for the service intended;
- (e) The vessel has not been altered without the approval of the Director of Marine;
- (f) Vessel's operators hold valid certificates of competency. (Please fill in the coxswain and engine operator's name and certificate number)

Name of Coxswain _____ Certificate No. _____

Name of Engine operator _____ Certificate No. _____

Date of 1st Annual Inspection: _____ Signature of *Owner/Coxswain _____ Date : _____

Date of 2nd Annual Inspection #: _____ Signature of *Owner/Coxswain _____ Date : _____

- Remarks :
- (1) The original copy of this Declaration must be kept together with the Certificate of Survey for future inspection.
 - (2) *delete if not applicable (If the Owner is not the Coxswain, he may inspect the above items with the Coxswain and sign the declaration).
 - (3) # Only applicable to vessels as described in paragraph (B) in page 2 of this "Declaration".

Notes on application of the Declaration of Safety and Equipment

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