

**Annual Report on the Performance of Recognized Organizations
and Recognized Security Organizations**
Between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008

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Introduction

1. The autonomous Hong Kong Register of Shipping (HKSR) was set up on 3 December 1990 under the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance. All statutory survey and certification works were delegated to Recognized Organization (RO) and Recognized Security Organization (RSO). During the reporting period from 1 January to 31 December 2008, the nine Classification Societies, namely ABS, BV, CCS, DNV, GL, KR, LR, NK & RINA, were authorized by the Hong Kong Marine Department (HKMD) to be ROs and RSOs under agreements made between HKMD and each of these Classification Societies.
2. The Flag State Quality Control (FSQC) System was set up on 1 April 1999 to monitor the quality and performance of ships, ship management companies and the ROs. The industry responded positively to the establishment of the FSQC System, and agreed that a report should be published annually on the performance of ROs during the year.
3. This is the tenth report after the implementation of the FSQC System. It covers only the factual data collected between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008 for 1,228 ocean going vessels registered with the HKSR.

Reporting Area

4. The report covers the following principal areas identified in the Agreements between the ROs and HKMD :
 - i) supply of documentation;
 - ii) access to information;
 - iii) notification to Director;
 - iv) compliance with instructions;
 - v) effectiveness of statutory survey and audits;

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The following table shows the degree of compliance of the 9 ROs collectively in respect of the 5 principal areas listed under paragraph 4 above :

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description of Requirements</i>	<i>Degree of Compliance</i>		
1	Supply of Document		2007	2008
	a. Copies of all statutory trading certificates issued by ROs on behalf of the HKSARG to be supplied to the Director. <i>(trading certificates are certificates having a limited period of validity)</i>	No. of copies of trading certificates received	4104	5997
	b. Copies of International Tonnage Certificates (ITC) issued by ROs on behalf of the HKSARG to be supplied to the Director.	No. of copies of ITC received/No. of ships registered within the reporting period	(89.3%)	195/219 (89.0%)
	c. Copies of all stability information booklet approved by ROs on behalf of the HKSARG to be supplied to the Director.	No. of copies of approved stability information booklet received/No. of ships registered within the reporting period	(51.3%)	119/219 (54.3%)
	d. Report of compliance on crew accommodation under ILO 92 to be supplied to the Director.	No. of report received on ILO 92/ No. of ships registered within the reporting period	(69.5%)	157/219 (71.7%)
	e. Report of compliance on crew accommodation under ILO 133 to be supplied to the Director.	No. of report received on ILO 133/ No. of ships registered within the reporting period	(70.6%)	157/219 (71.7%)
2	Access to Information			
	Director to be supplied with, or granted access to, information relating to :			
	a. Date and location of completion of each survey conducted by ROs on behalf of the HKSARG.	Availability of and access to information	Yes	Yes

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	b. Updated Rules and Regulations of ROs.	Availability of and access to information	Yes	Yes
	c. Upon request, plans and documents of HK registered ships classed with the ROs.	No. of non-compliance	Nil	Nil
3	Notification of Director			
	a. Notify the Director on any invalidation of, or intention to invalidate, a certificate issued on behalf of the HKSARG.	No. of non-compliance	Nil	Nil
	b. Notify the Director on any suspension, withdrawal or cancellation of class of HK registered ships.	No. of non-compliance	Nil	Nil
4	Compliance with Instructions			
	a. Declaration on Completion of Survey to be submitted within 14 days upon completion of change of flag survey.	No. of non-compliance / No. of change of flag surveys conducted	(38.5%)	59/219 (26.9%)
	b. Copies of initial and renewal certificates to be supplied within 1 month of date of issue of certificates.	No. of non-compliance / No. of copies of certificates received.	(25%)	2372/5997 (39.6%)
5	Effectiveness of Statutory Surveys and Audits			
	a. Unsatisfactory performance in ship survey as identified by FSQC inspections.	No. of cases	Nil	Nil
	b. Unsatisfactory performance in DOC/SMC/ISPS audits as identified by FSQC inspectors or participation in DOC/ISPS audits.	No. of cases	Nil	Nil
	c. Serious deficiencies on HK registered ships detected by PSC for which the RO is found responsible.	No. of deficiencies / No. of ships classed with the RO within the reporting period	Nil	8/1228 (0.65%)