

**Annual Report on the Performance of Recognized Organizations
and Recognized Security Organizations**
Between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022

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Introduction

1. The autonomous Hong Kong Register of Shipping (HKSR) was established on 3 December 1990 under the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance. All statutory survey and certification works were delegated to Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs). During the reporting period from 1 January to 31 December 2022, nine Classification Societies, namely ABS, BV, CCS, DNV, KR, LR, NK, RINA and RS, were authorized by the Hong Kong Marine Department (HKMD) to be ROs and RSOs under the agreements made between HKMD and each of these Classification Societies.

2. The Flag State Quality Control (FSQC) System was established 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 twenty-fourth report after the implementation of the FSQC System. It covers the factual data collected between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 for 2,636 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; and
- 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:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Requirements</u>	<u>Degree of Compliance</u>	
1	Supply of Document		2022 (New report format introduced in 2022)
	a. Information regarding all statutory trading certificates issued by ROs on behalf of the HKSARG to be supplied to the Director electronically.	No. of copies of trading certificates received electronically	6307
	b. Accuracy of statutory trading certificates issued by ROs on behalf of the HKSARG. (based on random check of total certificates received)	No. of accurate trading certificates / No. of trading certificates received	6431/6435 (99.94%)
	c. Copies of ROs quality audit report received. (Audit report on ROs' quality system which is carried out by independent organization under IACS QSCS).	No. of ROs quality audit report received	9
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
	b. Updated Rules and Regulations of ROs.	Availability of and access to information	Yes
	c. Upon request, plans and documents of HK registered ships classed with the ROs.	No. of non-compliance	Nil
3	Notification to Director		
	a. Notify the Director on any invalidation of certificate issued on behalf of the HKSARG and any suspension, withdrawal or cancellation of class of HK registered ships.	No. of non-compliance	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	20/27 (74.07%)
	b. Copies of initial and renewal certificates to be supplied within 1 month from date of issue of certificates.	No. of non-compliance / No. of copies of certificates received.	4307/6435 (66.93%)
5	Effectiveness of Statutory Surveys and Audits		
	a. Unsatisfactory performance in DOC/ISPS/MLC audits as identified by MD participation/ FSQC audits.	No. of cases	Nil
	b. 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	17/2636 (0.64%)
	c. Unsatisfactory RO surveyor performance in handling HK registered ship (detention within 3 months after survey, including extended inspection and occasional survey).	No. of cases	4