
Authorised Classification Societies

Notice to ship owners, managers, Masters, Approved Nautical Inspectors, Recognised Organisations and surveyors

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This Marine Notice details the organisations to which The Bahamas has delegated survey, audit and certification under the provisions of Bahamas regulations and relevant international Conventions to which The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is a Party.

2. Application

- 2.1. The following twelve (12) organisations have been authorised to carry out statutory certification and services for ships registered in The Bahamas and for Companies operating Bahamian ships.

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- Bureau Veritas (BV)
- China Classification Society (CCS)
- Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS)
- DNV AS (DNV)
- Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
- Korean Register of Shipping (KR)
- Lloyd's Register (LR)
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (Class NK - NKK)
- RINA Services S.p.A. (RINA)
- Polski Rejestr Statkow (Polish Register of Shipping - PRS)
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

3. Authorisation

- 3.1. The Bahamas has authorised the organisations listed above as Recognised Organisations (ROs) and Recognised Security Organizations (RSOs) in accordance with:
- i. International Maritime Organization (IMO) Assembly Resolution A.739(18) *Guidelines for the Authorization of Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Administration* and the Annex and Appendices thereto, as amended;
 - ii. IMO Resolution A.789(19) *Specifications on the Survey and Certification Functions of Recognized Organizations acting on behalf of the Administration* and the Annex thereto, as amended;
 - iii. IMO Resolutions MSC.349(92) and MEPC.237(65) *Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code)* and the Annex and Appendices thereto, as amended;
 - iv. Regulation 5.1.1.3 and 5.1.2 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), as amended.
- 3.2. The scope of authorisation of the nominated organisations is as found in the document, "The Bahamas National Requirements", which is available on the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) website: <https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/>.
- 3.3. Details of Recognised Organisations and Recognised Security Organizations authorised by The Bahamas have been submitted to ILO and IMO and are listed on the [ILO NORMLEX](#) and [IMO GISIS](#)¹ systems respectively.
- 3.4. Any request for clarification regarding the scope or extent of authority of a Recognised Organisation to represent or act on behalf of The Bahamas should be made directly to the BMA Inspections & Surveys department at tech@bahamasmaritime.com.
- 3.5. Details of Yacht Survey Organisations (YSOs) for unclassified yachts of less than 500 gross tonnage are provided in [Yacht Notice 09](#).

¹ Free to access but registration required

Revision History

Version	Description of Revision
1.0	First Issue
1.1	Periodic review and updated branding
1.2	Change of name of DNVGL AS to DNV AS. New para.3.5
1.3	Change of name of Registro Italiano Navale to RINA Services S.p.A.