



# Technical Circular

No.: 133/2020

Date: 05<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Subject: DGS, Order No. 34 of 2020 Reg Extension to the validity of Ship's Statutory Certificates, Periodical Surveys and Audits in view of COVID-19 pandemic**

1. Reference is made to Technical Circular No. 109/2020 based on DGS Order No. 23 of 2020 in respect of extension to the validity of Ship's Statutory Certificates, Periodical Surveys and Audits in view of COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Vide above DGS Order No. 23 of 2020, Administration had granted extension to the validity of statutory certificates to ships whose statutory surveys were expiring between **1st September 2020 and 31st October 2020** .
3. The Directorate, vide DGS Order No. 34 of 2020, has now decided to extend the extensions granted under DGS Order No. 23 of 2020 **till 31st December 2020** subject to following modifications:
  - a. Docking Surveys extension will only be granted upon submission of a firm Stemming Agreement with the dry dock, other conditions remain the same as per DGS order 23 of 2020.
  - b. Owners sighting non-availability of BWM Management system for getting DS extension will not be granted exemption from fitment of Ballast Water Management System complying with D-2 Standards of BWM Convention, even if later on, Owners decide to operate the vessel on Indian coast.
  - c. No extension will be granted for Annual Surveys and Intermediate/Renewal SMC Audits/MLC Inspections unless the mail correspondence between the Owner and RO can demonstrate that due-diligence was carried out to complete these surveys/audits/inspections well in advance, that is, at-least 3-months prior to expiry date/window-range date and no RO Surveyor could board due to lock-down/travel restriction.
4. All other requirements/ conditions as per DGS Order No. 23 of 2020 remains the same.
5. Ship owners/ operators and managers of Indian flagged ships contemplating delay in carrying out mandatory periodical surveys, audits and inspections due to the COVID-19 situation are advised to be guided by above and act accordingly.



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**Enclosure:**

DGS Order No. 34 of 2020, dated 03 November 2020.

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File No. 26-11/69/2020-NA - DGS

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## DGS Order 34 of 2020

### Subject: Extension of Validity of Ships Statutory Surveys and Audits – reg.

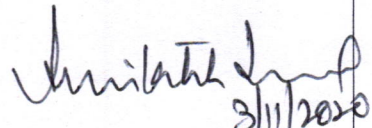
1. Whereas vide DGS Order 23 of 2020 dated 19.08.2020, the Directorate has permitted extension of Ship Statutory Surveys after fulfilment of certain requirements for following periods:
  - 1.1. Intermediate Surveys by a maximum period of 3-months beyond expiry of window period.
  - 1.2. Docking Surveys by a maximum of 6-months beyond expiry of 36 Months period since last Docking Survey. However, no one-time extension was permitted beyond 3-months.
  - 1.3. Renewal Surveys by 6-Months beyond expiry date. However, no one-time extension was permitted beyond 3-months.
  - 1.4. Extension of Annual Surveys by a maximum period of 3-months beyond expiry of window period subject to non-availability of Surveyor due to lock-down.
  - 1.5. Extension of renewal SMC Audits/MLC Inspection by a maximum period of 3-months beyond expiry date. Extension of Intermediate SMC Audits & MLC Inspections by a maximum period of 3- months beyond expiry of window period.
  - 1.6. Extension of ISM DOC Audits by a maximum period of 3-months beyond expiry of Annual Window period or expiry date.
2. Whereas the said DGS Order was applicable to only those ships and Companies whose Audits/Survey/Inspections were getting overdue on/prior to 31 October 2020, either because of expiry of window period or validity period or the 1st extension period.
3. Whereas the Directorate has granted 2nd extension, even though the grant of 1st extension was based on firm commitment from Docks, regarding availability of Docks to the said vessel by a stated date, but the Dock was not able to meet its commitment.
4. Noting that, even now the Directorate is receiving a number of request for extension of Docking Surveys due in November either due to non-availability of Docks or stating reasons such as extra time required by supplier to supply of Ballast Water Management System in compliance with Regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention.
5. Taking all the above into consideration, the Directorate has decided to extend said DGS Order 23 of 2020 till 31st December 2020 subject to following modifications:
  - 5.1. Docking Surveys extension shall only be granted upon submission of a firm Stemming Agreement with the dry dock, other conditions remain the same as per DGS Order 23 of 2020.

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5.2. Owners sighting non-availability of BWM Management system for getting DS extension shall not be granted exemption from fitment of Ballast Water Management System complying with D-2 Standards of BWM Convention, even if later on, Owners decide to operate the vessel on Indian coast. File No.26-11/69/2020-NA - DGS

5.3. No extension shall be granted for Annual Surveys and Intermediate/Renewal SMC Audits/MLC Inspections unless the mail correspondence between the Owner and RO can demonstrate that due-diligence was carried out to complete these surveys/audits/inspections well in advance, that is, at-least 3-months prior to expiry date/window-range date and no RO Surveyor could board due to lock-down/travel restriction.

6. In case of prevailing travel restrictions and non-availability of surveyor of RO, which has a prior contract for Statutory Surveys with the Owner, all ROs shall cooperate as far as possible for completion of Annual Surveys/SMC Audits/MLC Inspections by allowing another RO having presence in a particular port to complete the same.

  
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