



IMO RESOLUTION MEPC.94(46)
CONDITION ASSESSMENT SCHEME

Merchant Shipping Notice No 68

*Notice to shipowners, ship operators and managers
and owners' representatives*

1. The Merchant Shipping Directorate wishes to once again bring these *Condition Assessment Scheme Administration Requirements*, this time through a Merchant Shipping Notice, to the attention of all Companies operating or managing single hull oil tankers of 5,000 tonnes deadweight and above.
2. Reference is made to the Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS) as laid down in IMO Resolution MEPC.94(46) adopted on 27 April 2001 in its up to-date version and the requirements of amended Regulation 13(G) and new Regulation 13(H) of Annex I to the 1973 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of Ships, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78). Reference is also made to Regulation (EU) 417/2002 as amended.
3. The ship's recognised organisation (RO) will carry out the CAS surveys for and on behalf of the Administration. Nevertheless, the Directorate does reserve the right for its officials to attend onboard, together with the RO, during any part of the CAS survey, as and when it deems necessary.
4. Notification from the Company to this Directorate and to the RO of its intention to initiate CAS procedures shall be submitted eight months prior to the planned commencement. The CAS survey shall be aligned with the ship's forthcoming intermediate/special survey.
5. Notwithstanding the above, given special circumstances, inter alia re-activation from lay-up or extended stoppage period for hull or machinery damage, the Company, with the consent of this Directorate and the RO, may carry out the CAS survey at a date earlier than the due date of the forthcoming intermediate/renewal survey. The request for the early conduct of CAS should always be made to this Directorate through the RO. The RO will inform this Directorate accordingly, indicating its position on the Company's request and confirming that sufficient time would still be available for the CAS survey documentation to be reviewed and finalised.
6. The Company shall submit the following documentation to the Directorate in preparation for the CAS survey:
 - a. notification of intention to proceed with CAS;
 - b. completed survey planning questionnaire; and
 - c. survey plan duly endorsed by the RO at least two months prior to the intended commencement of the CAS survey.
7. The Company shall confirm to this Directorate in writing when the CAS surveys commence and again when they are complete.

8. The documentation required on board the ship and verification of its completeness and relevance with the CAS surveys will be made by the attending RO exclusive surveyors. If after reviewing the documentation, and following a general overview of the ship, the attending surveyors note that the survey plan no longer remains valid, the CAS survey will not proceed further. For the CAS survey to commence the survey plan is to be amended as necessary, reviewed and endorsed by the RO and an endorsed copy forwarded to this Directorate.

9. During the CAS survey, the Company, or its authorised representative, shall be responsible to ensure compliance with the requirements of IMO's Resolution MEPC.94(46) *Mandatory Requirements for the Safe Conduct of CAS Surveys*.

10. Upon satisfactory completion of the CAS survey, the RO will issue to the ship an Interim Statement of Compliance valid for a period not exceeding 5 months.

11. This Directorate will undertake the review process of the CAS Final Report submitted by the RO. If satisfied that CAS requirements have been satisfied, this Directorate will issue the Full Term Statement of Compliance to the ship.

12. The Company shall ensure that the following documents are kept onboard the ship and be readily available for inspection:

- a. The original Interim/Statement of Compliance;
- b. The CAS Final Report endorsed by this Directorate;
- c. The Review Record issued by this Directorate.

The Company shall also ensure that certified copies of the above-mentioned documents issued by this Directorate are kept at its offices.

13. In the event that the RO recommends and/or this Directorate considers that the ship has not satisfactorily fulfilled the CAS requirements, this Directorate will inform the RO and the Company accordingly. RO and Company will then be required to liaise with this Directorate in identifying the remedial actions necessary to ensure CAS compliance.

14. Regardless of whether the CAS survey is carried out within the due date or, before, as provided for in paragraph 5, if the ship fails to meet the requirements of CAS, it shall remain out of service until CAS compliance is confirmed and the ship is so certified.

15. Fees for work carried out by this Directorate including review of the CAS Final Report, issue of the Review Record and the full term Statement of Compliance and, any additional work performed in relation to the CAS will be invoiced directly to the Company.

Merchant Shipping Directorate
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