EXTENSIONS OF STATUTORY CERTIFICATION

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Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives, and Recognized Organizations

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to the Safety Bulletin 05/2026 on the Improper extensions of Statutory Certification, issued by the Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding (Tokyo MoU).

This bulletin draws attention to instances whereby the extensions of statutory certificates do not fully align with the requirements of the applicable international regulations. This Directorate urges all concerned parties to give careful consideration to the content of this Information Notice and the Safety Bulletin when planning Statutory surveys, organising survey attendance and securing the necessary facilities and resources for the completion of surveys.

Companies should take due account of the vessels' intended trading area(s),plan well in advance and make the necessary arrangements for Statutory surveys to be completed prior to the end of the validity of the certificates.

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