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TITLE: EU REGULATION 1257/2013 ON SHIP RECYCLING

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DIRECTED TO: CROATIAN SHIPPING COMPANIES AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

With reference to EU Regulation 1257/2013 on ship recycling, coming into force on 31st of December 2020 and taking into consideration situation regarding COVID-19 virus which could led to significant difficulties in surveying ships and producing certified IHM's, Republic of Croatia allows remote IHM Initial survey and issue of Inventory Certificate in the cases when recognized organizations surveyors will not be able to attend the vessel, under presumption that the review of IHM Part I is already satisfactorily completed, including the situation when on board sampling by IHM expert company has not been completed due to limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On satisfactory completion of the remote IHM initial survey Inventory Certificate should be issued with a remark that physical attendance and confirmatory verification on board is still pending within next four months. In the meantime, the shipowner/company should ensure that documented plans and arrangements are kept on-board the ship indicating when it will be feasible for qualified samplers from IHM expert company to complete necessary samplings.

If this is to be further postponed, due to continuing travel or access restrictions, than the ship owner should provide sufficient written evidence to recognized organizations that it has not been feasible to meet the initial plans, while recognized organizations should approach the Maritime Safety Directorate in return with such information and re-scheduled plan for on board survey/on board random sampling.

Regarding mentioned, recognized organizations should inform Maritime Safety Directorate in advance and obtain written permission on the case-by-case basis for each IHM initial survey planned to be conducted remotely.

