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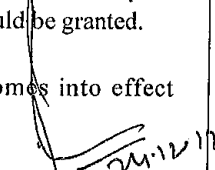
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## Engineering Circular No. 8 of 2012

<b>NO: ENG/ISM-59(4)/97</b>	<b>Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b>
<b>Subject: Issuance of Interim Safety Management Certificate (SMC) after Interim Safety Management audit</b>	
<p>1. This Directorate has authorized Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) to issue Interim Safety Management Certificates (SMC) for a period of three months for vessels which change flag, for new ships on delivery and for ships which are taken over for management from another company. Subsequently, the Ship owners /Managers approached this Directorate for issuance of interim SMC with validity of six months from the date of audit.</p> <p>2. In order to streamline the process and to make it more convenient to ship owners /managers, the Chief Surveyor with the Government of India hereby authorizes the IRS to issue a one time Interim Safety Management Certificate for a period of six months in following cases:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.1 to ships on delivery;</li><li>2.2 when a ship changes flag;</li><li>2.3 when a company takes on responsibility for the operation of a ship which is new to the company;</li><li>2.4 company taking over a new ship type</li></ul> <p>3. However, interim audit for all above cases should be undertaken by the IRS only after receipt of authorization from this Directorate.</p> <p>4. Ship owners / Managers are advised to present the ship for Initial SMC audit well-prior expiry of the said six months period, as no extension for Interim SMC would be granted.</p> <p>5. This is issued with the approval of the competent authority and comes into effect from the date of issue of this circular.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>(R. Vinod Kumar)</b> <b>Engineer &amp; Ship Surveyor cum DDG(Tech)</b></p>	