



Communication/Cooperation with the Flag State (RO Code 3.9.2)

To: QRS SURVEYORS, STAFF & OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

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The regulation in reference requires that the RO “establishes appropriate communication processes that, inter alia, address the cases where a ship did not proceed to sea without danger to the ship or persons on board or present unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment”. In other words, we as RO are obliged to inform the Administration if any of the vessels which we certify are found to be unseaworthy.

With that in mind, we must also consider that a ship which does not hold full certification, or any certificate has expired, is not fit to proceed to sea, and therefore, unseaworthy.

In view of the above, if during the course of their work, surveyors have become aware of a situation by which the vessel holding QRS certification has had a QRS certificate's validity expired, and has not been made aware of such certificate being undertaken by another RO, the surveyor must inform QRS Head Office

immediately, who will then proceed to take appropriate steps to clarify the situation and, if appropriate, proceed to inform the relevant Flag State Administration as per mandated.

