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**Applicable to:** Shipowners, ship managers, ship builders, operators, agents, surveyors and masters of Singapore-registered ships

**INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING THOSE REQUIREMENTS FOUND IN THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS THAT ARE “TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION”**

1. This circular informs the shipping community of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)'s interpretation of regulations concerning those requirements found in the relevant international instruments that are “to the satisfaction of the Administration”.
2. The MPA has developed a “Singapore Flag Requirements” which documented specific instructions and relevant interpretation of regulations, including those that are “to the satisfaction of the Administration”. This file has been communicated and disseminated to MPA's eight (8) Recognised Organisations (ROs)<sup>1</sup>.
3. In the absence of specific interpretation in the file, the relevant Unified Interpretations (UIs) by the International Maritime Organization and the UIs of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) can be applied for unified implementation.
4. For interpretation of regulations not addressed by the above, the ROs have been authorised to interpret the requirements of the applicable instruments within the limits of those applicable instruments in accordance with the applicable technical standards acceptable to the ROs, unless otherwise instructed by the Director.
5. Should the shipping community require any clarifications on the interpretation of regulations that contains the text “to the satisfaction of the Administration”, they may contact the ROs to seek clarification or contact MPA at [shipping@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:shipping@mpa.gov.sg).

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