

ASSUNTO: Recognized Organizations (RO) authorization for change of flag inspections
SUBJECT:

Addressed to: Owners, Companies, Recognized Organizations, Flag inspectors and PSC authorities

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The Portuguese Maritime Administration hereby wishes to clarify any doubt that may possibly arise concerning authority to carry out “registry inspections” during reflagging of a ship into Portuguese flag.

According to the Portuguese legislation and provisions in the Agreements of delegation of statutory functions to RO, which the Portuguese Government has signed with the RO listed bellow, these are duly authorized to carry out “registry inspections”, in addition to the required statutory surveys, when a ship changes to Portuguese flag.

The list of RO with whom the Portuguese Government has signed Agreements for the delegation of statutory functions is the following:

- ABS, BV, DNV*, GL*, LR, NKK, RINA, RINAVE

*DNV-GL, with who Portugal is in the course of preparing an Agreement, has communicated to the Portuguese Maritime Administration that, in the meantime, this new organization, resulting from the merging of DNV and GL, will undertake the tasks and responsibilities formerly assumed by these organizations.

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