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**COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (ROs)**

1 SOLAS regulation I/6 and regulation 4(3) of Annex I and regulation 10(2) of Annex II to MARPOL 73/78 establish that the Administration may entrust the inspections and surveys to a recognized organization (RO). SOLAS regulation XI/1 also prescribes that the ROs so authorized to act on behalf of the Administration shall comply with the provisions of resolutions A.739(18) and A.789(19). Furthermore, article III of the 1978 and 1988 SOLAS Protocols and article III of the 1978 MARPOL Protocol stipulate that Parties to these SOLAS Protocols and MARPOL 73/78 shall communicate to the Secretary-General of the IMO specific responsibilities and conditions of authorities delegated to the ROs.

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-fourth session (30 May to 8 June 2001) and the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its forty-sixth session (23 to 27 April 2001), recognized the need to ensure that Parties to the said SOLAS Protocols and MARPOL 73/78 have given full effect to the above-mentioned provisions, and agreed to collect relevant information from those Administrations which have authorized ROs to act on their behalf.

3 Member Governments concerned are invited to submit to the Organization information on the authorization of ROs according to SOLAS regulation I/6 and regulation 4(3) of Annex I and regulation 10(2) of Annex II to MARPOL 73/78 and in accordance with the sample form set out in the annex, for subsequent circulation to all Parties.

ANNEX

**FORM OF INFORMATION ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF
A RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION (RO)**

Submitted by
(Name of the Administration)

1 Particulars of the RO

Name of the RO.....
Address.....
Telephone number.....
Telefax number.....
E-mail address.....
Contact person.....

2 Functions delegated by the Administration

	Survey	Issue of certificate
Passenger ship safety Cargo ship safety construction safety equipment radio ISM Code		
Load line		
MARPOL Annex I Annex II Annex III Annex V		
Tonnage measurement		
Others		

3 Number of staff of the RO (ref. section 3.3 of appendix 1 to A.739(18))

	Headquarters	Field
Supervisory personnel		
Technical appraisal personnel		
Survey personnel		
Administrative personnel		

4 Minimum standards for the RO (ref. section 3 of appendix 1 to A.739(18))

		Confirmed
1	Are rules and regulations published and maintained?	
2	Are representatives of the Administration allowed to participate in the development of the RO's rules and regulations?	
3	Is the RO governed by the principles of ethical behaviour?	
4	Does the RO demonstrate technical, administrative and managerial competence?	
5	Does the RO provide relevant information to the Administration?	
6	Has the RO's management defined and documented its policy and objectives for quality and implemented it?	
7	Has the RO developed, implemented and maintained effective internal quality system?	
8	Has the RO certified its quality system by an independent body of auditors?	

5 Agreement between the Administration and the RO

Describe the agreement between the Administration and the RO or equivalent legal arrangement:

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