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## CIRCULAR LETTER

**Regarding the inland waterway vessels sailing outside the inland waterways of  
the Republic of Moldova  
No.01-203 from 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2021**

**To: Shipowners, shipowner's representatives and classification societies**

The Naval Agency of the Republic of Moldova (ANRM) hereby informs about the impossibility of continuing to keep in the State Register of Ships of Republic of Moldova of the inland navigation vessels sailing outside the inland waterways of the Republic of Moldova, for the following reasons.

Until 03.06.2020, the powers granted to the classification societies that inspect and certify maritime, mixed and inland navigation vessels were stipulated in GD No. 1608/2003 on the recognition of international classification societies of ships that specified the list of classification societies and the powers granted to them.

With the entry into force of GD No. 02/2020 on common norms and standards for organizations with the role of inspection and control of ships of maritime and mixed traffic (transposing Directive 2009/15/EU and EU Regulation No. 391/2009), GD No. 1608/2003 was repealed.

GD No. 02/2020 establishes only the requirements regarding functions, organization and control applicable to the organizations recognized by the Republic of Moldova as a flag State to issue statutory certificates on its behalf and perform statutory services, in accordance with the mandatory instruments of the International Maritime Organization and national law, under the supervision of which fall only seagoing and mixed navigation vessels.

In respect to the technical supervision of ships, in accordance with point 9 sub-point. (5) letter a) of the Government Decision No. 706 of 11.07.2018 on the creation of the Naval Agency of the Republic of Moldova, NARM performs technical supervision of inland navigation vessels registered in the State Register of Ships only for those that are operated on inland waterways of the Republic of Moldova.

The resumption of the process of registration of the inland waterway vessels sailing outside the inland waterways of the Republic of Moldova will be possible after the transposition into the national law of EU Directive 2016/1629 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, which regulates, in addition to the technical requirements and the issuance of the (Union) Inland Navigation Certificate, also the procedure for the recognition of classification societies that classify and technically supervise this category of ships.

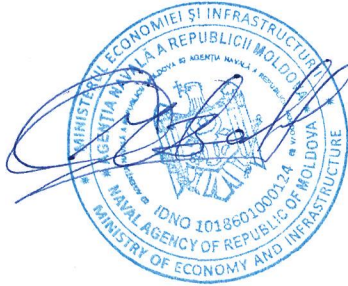
Taking into account all of the above, at the moment, the Naval Agency of the Republic of Moldova is not empowered with duties of inspection, supervision and certification of inland waterway vessels sailing outside the inland waterways of the Republic of Moldova, respectively it is not entitled to assess,

recognize, contract and delegate the functions referred to, to the classification societies for the inland waterway vessels.

**Thus, after the expiration of the previously issued navigation certificate, the owners of inland waterway vessels sailing outside the inland waterways of the Republic of Moldova no longer have the possibility to extend the registration of inland waterways and the Naval Agency of the Republic of Moldova is not entitled to accept for registration of new ships from the mentioned category of ships, which implies only the possibility of deregistration of ships from the State Register of Ships of the Republic of Moldova.**

**Respectfully yours,**

**Director of the Naval Agency**



**Igor ZAHARIA**