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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	HSSC Survey Guidelines
Reference	Harmonized System of Survey and Certification

Draft amendments to 2025 HSSC Survey Guidelines (A.1207(34))

The Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) are regularly reviewed and updated to accommodate new regulatory requirements. While these guidelines are not made mandatory by the IMO, the guidelines are mandatory for all European Union Recognized Organizations (most IACS members) under EU Regulation 391/2009.

The development of the 2027 edition of the HSSC Survey Guidelines has been initiated with work expected on:

- Draft amendments arising from mandatory instruments that have entered into force, or are expected to enter into force, by 31 December 2027, including the Hong Kong Convention, together with any amendments adopted under the SOLAS four-year cycle with entry into force dates between 2028 and 2029;
- Draft amendments related to the new SOLAS regulation V/23 on Pilot Transfer Arrangements and the associated Performance Standards; and
- A Draft Coding System for Remote Surveys, to be incorporated into the HSSC Guidelines to indicate the remote survey eligibility of individual survey items.

The revision of the Survey Guidelines will continue intersessionally, and is expected to be finalized at III 13, and adopted at Assembly 35 (December 2027), with an anticipated implementation date of 1 January 2028.

REFERENCE:

- 2027 edition of the HSSC

ATTACHMENTS: No.

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