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**INITIAL REGISTRATION OF UNMANNED SEAGOING NEWBUILDING BARGES**

**A. LIST OF REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Application for Official Number, Call Sign and Registration of Vessel (RLM 101A);
- 2. Evidence of Authority;
- 3. Proof of Ownership;
- 4. Class Society Certificate of Classification;
- 5. Proof of Liability Insurance; and
- 6. Registration Fees.

*Note: For item 1 see attached form.*

**B. LIST OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

*Please note that the below additional documents may be applicable. Moreover, some documents may be provided after registration of the vessel has completed:*

- 1. Ownership of the Barge – Liberian entity or Foreign Maritime Entity;
- 2. Application for Waiver of Ownership Requirement (if shipowning entity is an FME);
- 3. Bunker Blue Card (if vessel is more than 1,000 gross tons);
- 4. Blue Card (if vessel is an oil tanker); and
- 5. Affidavit of Non-Registration (if applicable).

*Note: For items 2 and 5 please see attached forms.*

## **EXPLANATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. One (1) duly executed and acknowledged original RLM-101A form must be submitted;
2. One (1) duly executed and acknowledged original Power of Attorney or officer certified Corporate Resolutions must authorize one or more named persons to act for or behalf of the owner in making application for registration of the vessel and to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the registration;
3. One (1) original Builder's Certificate dated not earlier than ten (10) days prior to registration and/or Bill of Sale to Owner, duly executed and acknowledged. Acknowledgment may be subscribed by Liberian Special Agent, Liberian Consul, notary public, or other officer authorized to administer oaths by the law where acknowledgment is made;
4. One (1) copy of Class Society Certificate, or, if not in class, other equivalent documentation as to barge's current seaworthiness is required. A safety inspection by a Liberian nautical inspector may be required as a condition of registration; and
5. Proof of Liability Insurance can be in the form of P&I cover note, Certificate of Entry, confirmation of Entry, or Declaration of Entry. A copy of Proof of Liability insurance will be acceptable if received directly from the P&I Club.

***Note: In case of any changes in closing date, owner must ensure that P&I proof, BCLC and CLC Blue Cards remain valid and cover the vessel as of the new registration date.***

## **EXPLANATION OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. **VESSEL OWNERSHIP** - A vessel registered in Liberia must be owned by a Liberian corporation, registered business company, limited partnership or LLC, or by a Foreign Maritime Entity (FME) (an entity existing in another jurisdiction and registered in Liberia for the purpose of owning or operating a vessel).

Please note that before any documents, in particular mortgage documents, are prepared, the availability of the name of the owning entity (whether the vessel is to be registered with a Liberian corporation, etc. as owner or with a foreign entity registered as a foreign maritime entity as owner) should be ascertained. The Registry is not able to accept two entities of any kind with the same or a very similar name.

In order to ensure the prompt registration of a vessel under the Liberian Flag, it is advisable to complete the registration of a ship-owning entity (whether Liberian or FME) at least three (3) days prior to scheduled registration of the vessel. LISCR's Corporate Department can be contacted at [corporate@liscr.com](mailto:corporate@liscr.com)

2. One (1) duly executed and acknowledged original Application for Waiver of Ownership must be submitted for a ship owning entity filed as FME (use form RLM 101A);
4. One (1) original or electronic original Blue Card for the Bunker Civil Liability Convention for Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (Bunker Convention) must be submitted for vessel of more than 1,000 gross tons (required as of November 21, 2008);
5. One (1) original Blue Card must be submitted for tankers carrying more than 2,000 net tons of oil in bulk as cargo; and
6. One (1) duly executed and acknowledged original Affidavit of Non-Registration must be submitted in the event there is a gap in time between the date the vessel deleted from the previous Flag Administration and the date it registers in the Liberian Registry.