

Fact sheet 2

International relocation voyages from New Zealand

This is one of six fact sheets for operators of ships less than 500 gross tonnage and less than 45 metres in length that propose to undertake an international, non-commercial relocation voyage. Each sheet is specific to “your plan”. If your situation doesn’t fit any of the scenarios, you need to talk to your surveyor and MNZ.

If you...

- plan to take your ship overseas to pursue a business opportunity there
- hold an MTOC and the ship is on the New Zealand Register of Ships. It’s assigned **less than** unlimited operating limits

...then you must

- apply for exemptions from the unlimited survey requirements if the ship cannot meet the unlimited survey rule requirements and unlimited crewing requirements if the ship, when operating commercially overseas, cannot meet the unlimited crewing rule requirements
- get an MNZ recognised surveyor to undertake a survey of the ship for the purposes of the relocation voyage, and for operations in the area of intended service overseas
- upgrade safety, communications and emergency equipment as required by the surveyor to mitigate the foreseeable risks of the relocation voyage
- obtain from the surveyor a Certificate of Survey for the voyage
- ensure that the crew has the competencies for the trip and the number of seafarers is sufficient to keep watches on the relocation voyage
- modify your operator plan and procedures as appropriate for the international voyage
- modify your operator plan and procedures to reflect the new operating environment overseas
- complete an application form for a Certificate for International Voyage and attach all relevant documents for the relocation voyage from New Zealand and for the intended commercial operation overseas¹
- pay to MNZ the applicable fees for the Certificate for International Voyage and the exemptions.

¹ More than one certificate may be required, depending on the timing and duration of the intended overseas commercial service. See “What your surveyor will do” and “What MNZ will do” below.

What your surveyor must do

- survey the ship
- provide advice to you on appropriate upgrades of safety, communications and emergency equipment for the relocation voyages and appropriate equipment for the intended commercial operation overseas
- provide advice to you on appropriate crew competencies
- issue a Certificate of Survey for the relocation voyage(s) and for the commercial operation overseas.

A single certificate may be issued for the duration of outbound and inbound relocation voyages and for the period of overseas service **up to the date** of the ship's next out of water inspection scheduled in its survey plan.

In the case that the duration of intended overseas service extends beyond that date, the surveyor issues, at the appropriate time, a new Certificate of Survey covering the balance of overseas service and the relocation voyage back to New Zealand.

The certificate(s) provide(s) that the overseas commercial service is only for voyages up to the distance from shore provided for in the assigned New Zealand limits.

What MNZ will do

- assess and where appropriate grant exemptions from the unlimited survey requirements if the ship cannot meet the unlimited survey rule requirements and unlimited crewing requirements if the ship, when operating commercially overseas, cannot meet the unlimited crewing rule requirements
- assess and where appropriate grant a Certificate for International Voyage where complete information is provided on the form and all required documents are attached.

A single certificate may cover both outbound and return voyages and the overseas commercial service provided this occurs prior to the date of the ship's next scheduled out of water inspection.

In the case that the duration of intended overseas service extends beyond that date, MNZ issues, on your application, a new Certificate for International Voyage covering the balance of overseas service and the relocation voyage back to New Zealand.

The certificate will limit the commercial service overseas to voyages up to the distance from shore provided for in the assigned New Zealand limits.

Ballast water management

If your ship carries non-permanent ballast water, you must undergo a certification process for international voyages.

To avoid any delay in receiving your Certificate for International Voyage and your related ballast water documentation, Maritime NZ recommends you begin the process of applying for ballast water certification as soon as possible.

More information about ballast water management can be found at www.maritimenz.govt.nz/ballast

Maritime Labour Convention

Ships, other than fishing ships, on international voyages may be inspected by port state control officers in overseas ports for compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. Ships less than 500 gross tonnage must comply with the convention, but they are not required to hold a Maritime Labour Certificate. You may, however, wish to voluntarily obtain certification as evidence of compliance, otherwise your vessel may be subject to more detailed inspection against the convention standards.

More information about applying for a Maritime Labour Certificate can be found at www.maritimenz.govt.nz/commercial/ships/

Resources and further information on www.maritime.govt.nz

The application form for a Certificate for International Voyage contains headings and fields that will help you to prepare for the relocation voyage.

The form (which can be completed on line and then emailed to MNZ) is available at: <https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Publications-and-forms/Commercial-operations/Surveyors/International-voyage-form.pdf>

MNZ fees

Information on current fees is available at: http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/About-us/Fees-levies/#current_fees

Survey requirements

Contact details for MNZ recognized surveyors are available at: <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Commercial/Safety-management-systems/MOSS/MOSS-for-operators/Recognised-surveyors.asp#list>

Exemptions

An exemption can only be granted on the grounds provided for in section 47 of the MTA. Guidance on applying for an exemption and exemption request forms are available at: <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Commercial/Safety-management-systems/Applying-for-an-exemption.asp>

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