

Fact sheet 4

International relocation voyages to 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 purchase a ship overseas and bring it to New Zealand for commercial service. The ship you have your eye on is not on the New Zealand Register of Ships
- hold an MTOC

...then you must

- get an MNZ recognised surveyor to undertake a survey of the ship to confirm that it meets New Zealand design and construction rules and that it’s fit for the intended relocation voyage
- register the ship on the New Zealand Register of Ships
- ensure that on board safety, communications and emergency equipment is suitable to mitigate the foreseeable risks of the voyage
- obtain from the surveyor a Certificate of Survey for the voyage
- modify your operator plan and procedures as appropriate for the international voyage
- ensure that the crew has the competencies for the trip and the number of seafarers is sufficient to keep watches
- apply for an exemption from the unlimited survey requirements if the ship cannot meet the unlimited survey rule requirements
- complete an application form for a Certificate for International Voyage and attach all relevant documents for the relocation voyage
- pay to MNZ the applicable fees for the Certificate for International Voyage, the exemption, and registration on the New Zealand Register of Ships¹.

What your surveyor must do

- survey the ship
- confirm that the ship you intend to purchase meets the design and construction standards set in maritime rules for that particular class of ship (the surveyor must have the appropriate recognition for design approval and in-construction surveys)
- provide advice to you on appropriate safety, communications and emergency equipment for the relocation voyage
- provide advice to you on appropriate crew competencies
- issue a Certificate of Survey for the relocation voyage.

¹ Fees for registration vary depending on whether the ship is a new build or an existing ship, and whether it’s going on Part A or Part B of the Register. Further information is available through the links at the end of this sheet.

What MNZ will do

- register the ship on the New Zealand Register of Ships
- assess and where appropriate grant an exemption from the unlimited survey requirements if the ship cannot meet the unlimited survey 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.

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>

Verifying (in the case of a ship coming into the New Zealand system for the first time) that its standard of design and construction meets the applicable New Zealand rules can only be given by

surveyors with the appropriate recognitions for design approval (for the construction material) and in-construction surveys.

In the design approval report, the surveyor must certify that the ship conforms to a recognised classification society's standards; meets Australian state or territory marine authority requirements; or is designed using fundamental nautical structure design principles and analysis.

Registration

A commercial ship of 24 metres register length or less can be registered on Part A or Part B of the New Zealand Register. Part B registration is more straightforward and costs less. Over this length, there's no choice – it must be Part A.

MNZ usual processing time for a Part B registration is 10 working days. The Part A registration process takes approximately 25 working days to complete.

More information on ship registration, including guidance and application forms are available at:

<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Commercial/Ship-registration/Ship-registration-in-New-Zealand.asp>

Maritime New Zealand offices

Contacts for your nearest Maritime NZ office are at [maritimenz.govt.nz/offices](http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/offices)

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