



Ships eligible for Intermediate Survey scheme

for seagoing ships only

Introduction

The Intermediate Survey scheme for seagoing ships is means for Green Award Foundation to promote continuous improvement in quality shipping by involving the Certificate Holders. The Scheme is available to Green Award certified sea-going ships and grants the eligible ships an internal Green Award incentive.

For the assessment criteria, the performance of the ship, the number of years enrolled in Green Award and the age of the ships give us the basic ground to further look into eligibility, whereas cooperation to survey planning and even payment habits are looked into. A stringent yet simple set of criteria is available in order to identify ships that impose further less risk to the marine environment and the crew in terms of pollution, safety and quality, and lastly ships that ensure smooth operations for the Green Award certification scheme. This criteria is also subject to change at any time by the discretion of Green Award.

An intermediate survey will replace the two annual surveys that take place after a renewal survey for seagoing ships. The performance will be assessed according to Green Award Regulations (Article 12.3) and a separate list of criteria to check eligibility. This intermediate survey is to be carried out 1.5 years after the date of issue of the certificate and within a period of three months before, and three months after, this date. Payment of the annual fee will *not* be affected.

General procedure

After every renewal survey for *sea-going ships* the Green Award Certification Department will monitor whether the relevant ship has reached the minimum score (indicated in percentages) required to apply for an Intermediate Survey scheme. A minimum score for each version of requirements will be set separately and will be ensured that the scores are of an equivalent level.

Bureau Green Award will then ask Certificate Holders some simple set of additional background information by e-mail, requesting a reply within 2 weeks. After all information required for the assessment is collected, the Certificate Holders will be notified of the results along with the reporting of the renewal survey. A strict time limit is set to reduce any chances of delay in the certification assessment process after the ship renewal survey.

Expectations after participation

Becoming eligible for an Intermediate Survey scheme implies that a ship and its Certificate Holder are expected to remain highly performed, and therefore all criteria as indicated in the eligibility check form for assessment will be closely monitored throughout the certification cycle. Failing to meet the expectations will not only reduce the chances of becoming eligible for the Intermediate Survey scheme during the following certification cycle but could also endanger the participation of the Intermediate Survey scheme with immediate effect and/or the ship certification as a whole as stated in the Green Award Regulations and Assessment Criteria.

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