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# **STA Information Update – June 2022**

# **EEXI requirements**

EEXI in combination with Swedish Finnish Ice Class Rules

Regarding the 2021 Guidelines on the shaft/engine power limitation system to comply with the EEXI requirements and use of a power reserve, MEPC.335(76), Sweden accept that this guideline can be used for ships to maintain Finnish-Swedish Ice Class under the EEXI rules. To maintain Finnish-Swedish Ice Class under this guideline, ships should maintain correct manning in engine space to make this possible in view of engine power released as well as other aspects involved affecting this issue.

If possible, special marking in the classification certificate should be introduced to clarify the status of the ship with regard to Ice Class and enable for icebreaker assistance to decide to proceed with assistance or not.

If any questions, please advice stefan.eriksson@transportstyrelsen.se.

#### Exemptions

Regarding the possibility to grant exemptions for ship not complying with the EEXI requirements in due time, the STA would like to emphasize the following. According to the new regulations there are no possibilities to grant exemptions from the EEXI requirements. Regardless, we cannot refuse ship owners to apply for an exemption, but at present it does not seem possible.

## Number of staff of the ROs

Please see attached form to be filled in by the ROs and submitted to the STA at the latest on the  $31^{st}$  of August 2022.

#### Remote surveys, audits and verifications

The topic of remote surveys, ISM audits and ISPS verifications is on the agenda for the upcoming meeting of III 8 in July this summer. Although that



the EU Member States, USA and IACS have made a joint submission in the matter, the previously communicated position from the STA remains: the agency does not generally accept that the RO/RSO perform statutory duties remotely. If the RO/RSO were to face an extraordinary situation, where a remote survey, audit or verification could be an approach, the RO/RSO is obligated to request a decision in the matter from the STA on a case-by-case basis.

### **IMSAS Audit**

The Swedish administration will be subject for an IMSAS audit in October 2022. During these days, we can be difficult to get hold of and we may have questions for you at short notice.

#### Annual Meeting - save the date

The STA is pleased to invite your good organisation to the annual meeting between the STA and the ROs on 24 November 2022, at Clarion Hotel Arlanda Airport, Tornvägen 2, Stockholm. Please notify your participation and any food preferences by 18 October. We will get back to you with a proper invitation and agenda after the summer holidays. If you would like to address any topics for the agenda or questions for discussion, please let us know as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to finally meeting you in person in November.

#### Summer greetings

Summer holidays are approaching and we would like to inform you of our availability during the summer. The RO-inbox (ro@transportstyrelsen.se) will be checked all summer during office hours. However, the response time may be somewhat longer than usual, since our experts and surveyors might be unavailable due to summer holidays. Please note if a matter is of urgency, in order for us to act accordingly.

Matters of the utmost urgency should be directed to the STA duty officer, +46 771 52 00 52. Outside of office hours the STA duty officer should always be contacted (for urgent matters).

Finally, we would like to wish you all a nice summer holiday!

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