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**GUIDELINES FOR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS OF
RO-RO PASSENGER SHIPS BY FLAG STATES**

- 1 In response to the request in resolution A.794(19) – Surveys and inspections of ro-ro passenger ships, that guidelines for unscheduled inspections of ro-ro passenger ships should be prepared, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000), approved the annexed guidelines.
- 2 Member Governments are invited to take the Guidelines into account when carrying out unscheduled inspections of ro-ro passenger ships.

ANNEX**GUIDELINES FOR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS OF
RO-RO PASSENGER SHIPS BY FLAG STATES**

1 These guidelines are intended to assist surveyors conducting unscheduled inspections of ro-ro passenger ships on behalf of the flag State. Such inspections are in addition to surveys and audits required by the relevant international conventions.

2 In order to ensure compliance with statutory requirements, unscheduled inspections should focus on aspects of operational nature, including crew capabilities, which should be demonstrated by carrying out one or more emergency/safety/operational procedures, at which time critical items of the ship's hull, machinery, electrical and control installations might also be inspected, if need be.

3 By their nature, these aspects are best assessed when the ship is in service, as some items can only be properly tested while the ship is at sea on passage. However, inspections should not unduly interfere with normal shipboard operations nor should they induce situations that could endanger the safety of passengers, the crew, the ship or the environment. Consequently it is not intended that the surveyor inspects all the items listed in the Guidelines in the course of any one inspection.

4 Operational aspects for possible inspection should include, but are not limited to:

- .1 Hand over procedures between crews
 - .2 Emergency procedures and the crew's ability to comply with these procedures
 - .3 Condition of maintenance of essential equipment
 - .4 Safe working practices
 - .5 Security
 - .6 Passenger safety
 - .7 Bridge procedures
 - .8 Cargo operations.
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