

# **PROVISIONS FOR AN INLAND WATERWAY VESSEL TO BE ENTITLED TO FLY THE ROMANIAN FLAG**

## **1. NEWLY BUILT INLAND WATERWAY VESSELS**

According to Art.16<sup>1</sup> of the Ordinance no. 42/1997 on maritime and inland waterway transport, the current form:

*“(1) Compliance with the mandatory technical construction standards of ships flying the Romanian flag is proven by certificates issued by the Romanian Naval Authority or by a recognized organization, provided for in the list drawn up and published by the European Commission in the Official Journal of the European Communities, respectively in the Official Journal of the European Union, as the case may be.*

*“(2) The compliance of ships flying the Romanian flag with the technical requirements provided for in the applicable international agreements and conventions, to which Romania is a party, is proven by certificates issued by the Romanian Naval Authority or by a recognized organization with which the Romanian Naval Authority has concluded a special contract of mandate.*

*“(3) Any ship that is being built in another state and is to fly the Romanian flag upon completion of the works must be supervised during construction by the Romanian Naval Authority or by a recognized organization, depending on the request of the shipowner.”*

## **II. INLAND WATERWAY VESSELS UNDERTAKEN– FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT PART OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA**

Considering the granting of the right to fly the Romanian flag, ships must undergo an initial technical inspection. The scope of the inspection will be determined based on the technical condition documents previously issued by other recognized bodies, held by the ship.

1. At the time of the inspection, the following documents and documentation will be placed at the disposal of the ANR inspector, in an internationally spoken language (English) or translated into Romanian by an authorized translator:

- inspection reports and certificates of the technical and certification body that supervised the ship during construction and operation;
- description of the ship and technical specifications;
- latest thickness measurements of the plates and strength elements of the ship's hull carried out by an authorized company (if applicable);
- equipment certification of ships;
- general plans;

- master section or main structural cross-sections;
- structural longitudinal sections;
- development of the outer shell;
- decks and watertight bulkheads;
- fore-castle and fore-castle, rudder with shaft;
- general plans of the spaces for machinery, mechanical installations, boilers, etc.;
- mast lines and fore-castle pipes with the associated installations;
- piping diagrams (including measuring, ventilation and overflow);
- schematic diagrams of the electrical installations and main and emergency switchboards;
- boilers and pressure vessels;
- tonnage calculation;
- stability information.

If some of the previously mentioned documents cannot be presented, the ship owner will ensure the transmission of all the necessary information to the RNA, in order that the initial inspection to be carry out.

If the ship was not supervised during the construction phase by a recognized body, all the above documentation will have to be submitted for approval to the National Regulatory Authority, including payment of the related fees.

If such an event is possible to occur, the total volume of documentation submitted for approval to the RNA may be expanded, depending on the type and characteristics of the ship and the necessary data for the issuance of technical certificates.

2. Inland waterway vessels must also meet the minimum technical requirements for inland waterway vessels flying the Romanian flag, imposed by OMT no. 306/1999, OMT no. 1472/2018, amended and supplemented by OMT no. 245/2021, OMT no. 955/2021, OMT no. 328/2022 and OMT no. 996/2024, as well as the requirements of the Danube Navigation Regulations approved by OMT no. 859/2013, amended by OMT no. 624/2015.

3. After the registration under the Romanian flag, **in order that the technical certificate and the tonnage certificate to be issued**, the ship will have to be re-inspected by the Romanian National Maritime Administration (ANR) to verify the following:

- The presence on board of the radio license and the ATIS coding in radiotelephones;
- Marking the new name of the ship, port of registry and identification marks on the ship's hull and life-saving appliances, in accordance with the legal requirements;
- The existence of tonnage marks and draft scales in accordance with the new tonnage certificate;
- The existence on board of a new logbook and instructions and labels in Romanian.

The following documentation will also be submitted to the ANR for approval:

- Updated stability information;
- Tonnage calculation;

- Firefighting equipment plans.

### **III. INLAND WATERWAY VESSELS UNDERTAKEN FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PART OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA**

Inland waterway vessels undertaken from the European Economic Area must meet the minimum technical requirements for inland waterways vessels flying the Romanian flag, imposed by OMT no. 306/1999 or the requirements of OMT no. 1472/2018, amended and supplemented by OMT no. 245/2021, OMT no. 955/2021, OMT no. 328/2022 and OMT no. 996/2024, as well as the requirements of the Danube Navigation Regulations approved by OMT no. 859/2013, amended by OMT no. 624/2015.

The RNA recognizes the certificates for the inland waterway vessels holding Community inland navigation vessel certificates or certificates in accordance with the Rhine navigation regulations issued by authorities of an EU Member State, undertaken over under the Romanian flag. In the case that the documents are expired or are about to expire, the vessel will be subject to a renewal inspection.

The fees for carrying out the technical inspection will be calculated in accordance with the RNA tariffs for an occasional inspection and, if applicable, for the initial inspection of a new or for an undertaken ship.