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**Directive (7/2015)**

**Approval of Equipment Testing Firm**

Applicable to: Ship owners, Recognized Organizations, Shipping Companies, SRPS,  
Flag State Surveyors

1. In exercise of the power of Section 294(b) of Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act, and Section 5(c) of Inland Vessels Law, the Department of Marine Administration circulate this directive for the approval of equipment testing firm.
2. The purpose of this directive is to ensure the testing of marine equipment to be complied with applicable IMO conventions and regulations.
3. The equipment testing firm intended to provide service of equipment testing for use on Myanmar registered vessels shall apply for approval in accordance with the attached guideline and procedure for the approval of equipment testing firm.
4. The Department of Marine Administration shall recognize the equipment test firm found to be in accord with the standard as approved firm for the equipment test.

Maung Maung Oo  
Director General  
Department of Marine Administration

## **Guidance and Procedure for the approval of Equipment Testing Firm**

1. The testing firm(or) test laboratory which intended to be approved for testing of marine equipment shall apply for the approval to the Director-General of the Department of Marine Administration with the following attached documents:
  - a. Type, scope and category of test to be performed;
  - b. Drawings indicating the layout of the testing room, safety arrangements and specifications of the testing equipment under application;
  - c. Documents certifying that the testing equipment and facilities under application conforms to the technical standards, such as calibration reports;
  - d. Guidelines and Instructions for the test;
  - e. ISO 9001:2005 Certificate.
  - f. Laboratory Accreditation based on ISO/IEC 17025:2005(General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories);
  - g. Record of tests performed before application(if available);
  - h. Organizational charts of departments concerned with testing and quality control for the firm with the qualifications and training evidence of the staff;
2. Upon the satisfaction of the submitted documents, the Director-General may authorize the relevant Division to inspect the testing firm and recommend for the approval.
3. In order to confirm that the testing firm under application conforms to the technical standards, a Surveyor from the Administration will inspect the testing firm . If required, the applicant shall conduct random test in the presence of a Surveyor.
4. The Testing Firm shall submit the sample test report to the authorized Division with the approved format.
5. The authorized Division may submit the recommendation for the approval of the testing firm to the Director-General with the documents of inspection and the approval certificate may be issued by the Department of Marine Administration.