

**Regulation No. 1017/2003
on inspections of ships and their equipment**

CHAPTER I

General provisions

Article 1

Application, objective and purpose

The provisions of this Regulation apply to all Icelandic ships that are registered on the Icelandic ship register according to the Registration of Ships Act.

The aim and purpose of this Regulation is to ensure the safety of Icelandic ships, crews and passengers and to enhance protection of the marine environment against pollution.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions shall apply:

Initial survey (U) is a general inspection of a ship before it is put into service. The survey includes an inspection of all issues related to certificates and the intended use of the vessel. The initial survey shall be carried out by the Icelandic Transport Authority or any other party delegated to conduct the survey.

Periodic survey (R) is an inspection of items related to the appropriate certificate of the vessel and the intended use of the vessel.

Intermediate survey (M) is a periodic simple inspection related to the appropriate certificate of the vessel and the intended use of the vessel.

Additional survey (A) is in addition to the periodic survey in terms of rescue and safety equipment at one-year intervals.

Unscheduled inspection is an unannounced inspection by the Icelandic Transport Authority or the Icelandic Coast Guard of the condition and equipment of a ship and its certificates.

Shipowner/operator means the party responsible for manning the ship, making decisions on its voyages, bearing the costs of the voyages and profiting from them.

Master means the person having command of a ship.

Inspection body is the Icelandic Transport Authority, as well as a body performing inspection or classification societies authorized by the Icelandic Transport Authority to inspect ships and their equipment.

Safety certificate is a certificate issued by the Icelandic Transport Authority, containing recorded information about the ship's safety equipment.

New ship is a ship for which a construction contract or a contract for major alterations has been made after the date this regulation comes into force.

Existing ship is a vessel that is not a new ship.

SOLAS is the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

Other ships are vessels that are neither considered fishing vessels, passenger vessels, cargo vessels or pleasure boats.

CHAPTER II

Conduct of inspection

Article 3

Inspection

When inspecting ships and their equipment, the inspector shall ascertain whether the ship and its equipment comply with the applicable provisions of laws and regulations thereof. The inspection of ships and equipment shall also confirm that there is consistency between the ship and the registration information.

Inspection of ships and equipment shall be carried out in accordance with the Ships' and Boats' Inspection Manual issued by the Ministry of Transport.

Inspection and evaluation results for the ship and equipment shall be based on the condition at the time of inspection.

When an inspector comes to the conclusion that the condition of the ship or its equipment is materially incompatible with the individual item of its certificate or the ship is not seaworthy, the inspector shall immediately take appropriate measures, such as removing the appropriate certificate, notifying the shipowner, operator or master of the outcome, recording the results of the survey in the survey book or ship's log, the inspection part of the ship registry, and report the case to the Icelandic Transport Authority.

Article 4

Inspection body

In order to enforce the provisions of this regulation, inspections of ships and their equipment shall be carried out by the Icelandic Transport Authority, an inspection body according to regulation on operating procedures of accredited bodies performing ship inspection, and regulation on the recognition of classification societies and on rules and standards for organizations responsible for ship survey and inspection.

Article 5

Inspection item findings

Inspection item findings shall be in accordance with the Ship Inspection Manual and shall be based on the seriousness of the state of the relevant inspection item, taking into account safety and pollution.

There are four possibilities of issuing assessment findings, judgement 0, 1, 2 or 3:

- a. "0" means that the relevant inspection item is clearly undamaged, intact and fully functional.

- b. "1" means that the relevant inspection item is clearly damaged, clearly worn or has limited functionality.
- c. "2" means that the relevant inspection item is heavily damaged, heavily worn or has insufficient functionality.
- d. "3" means that the relevant inspection item is seriously damaged, seriously worn or has seriously reduced functionality.

Each individual inspection item must be judged independently and without regard to other evaluation results.

Article 6

Inspection result

The result of the inspection shall be recorded in the inspection report in accordance with the highest number of judgements for each individual inspection item. Inspections can lead to four types of results: i.e. no findings, repairs needed, not allowed to proceed to sea:

- a. No comments lead to the result "no findings".
- b. "1" as the highest value of the judgement implies a requirement that the inspection item be corrected, without a requirement for review. The result of the inspection is a "repairs needed". Within one month, the owner/operator must have undertaken corrective action on non-conformities revealed during the inspection.
- c. "2" as the highest value of the judgement it includes a requirement that the inspection item non-conformity be corrected within the prescribed period and the vessel or its equipment be re-surveyed. The result of the inspection is a "re-survey". A period of up to 3 months can be granted for re-survey, cf. Article 7
- d. "3" as the highest rating value means that a ship shall not sail with its own engine power. The result of the inspection is "not allowed to proceed to sea".

If only one inspection item has been commented on and it received a rating value of 2, if the inspection item is marked with an X in the Ship's Inspection Manual, the result of the inspection report shall be changed in such a way that it becomes a "correction needed".

The result of the periodic survey shall be independent of the results of previous inspections.

Article 7

Re-survey

When a re-survey takes place according to Article 6(c) it mainly focuses on the comments on which a deadline to rectify has been given. If all the items but the most serious ones have not been rectified, the deadline can be extended by up to 3 months, for example in cases where it is not possible to provide the necessary spare parts and materials or acquire a workshop or dry dock/slipway service.

Article 8

Registration and confirmation of inspection results

The inspector shall record the inspection results and other technical information in the inspection report in accordance with the Ship Inspection Manual, sign it and deliver a copy of it to the owner or operator.

The inspector must record the results of the inspection in the ship's register and send the information as soon as possible to the Icelandic Transport Authority, which issues a certificate of seaworthiness or a safety certificate, as appropriate.

Article 9

Appeals

Anyone who does not want to accept the decision of the inspection body can, after the inspection body's review, appeal its decision to the Icelandic Transport Authority.

Article 10

Shipowner's/operator's responsibility for survey, inspection and maintenance of a ship

The operator and the master are responsible for ensuring that the instructions for survey and inspections of the ship and equipment are carried out in the manner prescribed by this regulation.

The shipowner/operator must request an inspection of his ship in accordance with the Ship Survey Act and use the services of an inspection body for this purpose.

The shipowner/operator is responsible for the accessibility of his ship and is obliged to show all data concerning the ship and the results of previous inspections if the inspection body so requests. The shipowner/operator is also responsible for ensuring that the inspection can be carried out efficiently.

The shipowner/operator shall, however, be required to keep the ship and its equipment in such condition as required by applicable laws and regulations and to ensure that the ship is seaworthy.

Article 11

New construction of ships

Regarding supervision of new constructions and inspections according to Article 6. of the Ship Survey Act No. 47/2003.

Before new construction begins, drawings, project specifications and other necessary documents determined by the Icelandic Transport Authority shall be sent to the agency in triplicate for comments and approval as appropriate. After reviewing these data, one copy must be sent to the shipyard or designer and one copy to the inspection body or classification society that supervises the construction. Upon completion of construction, the ship shall undergo an initial survey by the Icelandic Transport Authority, unless the Authority decides otherwise.

Article 12

Modification of ship

Inspections and surveys regarding ship modifications are subject to Article 23 of the Ships Act No. 66/2021.

Before any modifications are carried out, drawings, project specifications and other necessary documents determined by the Icelandic Transport Authority shall be sent to the agency in triplicate for comments and approval as appropriate. After reviewing these data, one copy shall be sent to the shipyard or designer and one copy to the inspection body or classification society that supervises the modifications. After the modifications have been carried out, the ship must undergo an initial survey by the Icelandic Transport Authority, unless the agency decides otherwise.

Article 13

Ship repairs

Inspection bodies which are authorized to inspect ships and their equipment shall, in accordance with inspection reports and inspection manuals, require repairs to the ship and supervise repairs at the request of the operator or the Icelandic Transport Authority.

CHAPTER III

Surveys and certificates

Article 14

Fishing vessels and other vessels of less than 15 meters overall length

When inspecting fishing vessels and other vessels with a maximum length of less than 15 meters in overall length, care must be taken to ensure that they comply with the provisions of the Ship Survey Act and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, as well as other provisions of the laws and regulations that deal with them as further stipulated in inspection reports and ship inspection manuals.

Vessels according to this article must undergo an initial survey, a periodic main survey, and an intermediate survey in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation. In 2004, the ships shall be inspected with regard to which inspections are expiring according to the current inspection system, cf. Annex I to this regulation. The ships' safety equipment shall be inspected annually, but otherwise inspections, issuing or endorsing certificates, making and keeping certificates, duration and validity of certificates on ships subject to this article, shall be conducted according to the provisions of the regulation on the safety of fishing vessels of 15 metres in length overall and over. Following the inspection of these vessels by the inspection bodies, the Icelandic Transport Authority shall issue a certificate of seaworthiness in accordance with a specific model, cf. Article 21.

Article 15

Fishing vessels and other vessels of 15 metres in length overall and over

When inspecting fishing vessels and other vessels of 15 metres in length overall and over, care must be taken to ensure that they comply with the provisions of the Ship Survey Act and the regulations issued

pursuant thereto, as well as other provisions of the laws and regulations that deal with them as further stipulated in inspection reports and ship inspection manuals.

Vessels subject to this Article shall undergo an initial survey, a periodic main survey, and an intermediate survey in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation. In 2004, these vessels must be inspected with regard to which inspections are expiring according to the current inspection system, cf. Annex I to this Regulation. The vessels' safety equipment shall be inspected annually, but otherwise inspections, issuing or endorsing certificates, making and keeping certificates, duration and validity of certificates on ships subject to this article, shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Regulation on the safety of fishing vessels of 15 metres in length overall and over. Following the inspections by the inspection bodies of these vessels, the Icelandic Transport Authority shall issue a safety certificate and other certificates in accordance with the above-mentioned Regulation and certificate of seaworthiness according to Article 21.

Article 16

Pleasure Craft

When inspecting pleasure craft, it must be ensured that they comply with the provisions of the Ships Act and any regulations issued pursuant to that Act, as well as other provisions of laws and regulations that apply to such craft, as further stipulated in inspection reports and the ship inspection manual.

Pleasure craft shall undergo initial inspection, periodic main inspection and intermediate inspection in accordance with the Annex I to this Regulation. In 2004, pleasure craft shall be inspected with regard to which inspections are expiring according to the current inspection system, cf. Annex I to this Regulation. The safety equipment of pleasure boats shall be inspected annually, but otherwise inspections, issuing or endorsing certificates, making and keeping certificates, duration and validity of certificates on ships subject to this article, shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Regulation on the safety of fishing vessels of 15 metres in length overall and over. Following the inspection of pleasure boat inspectors, the Icelandic Transport Authority shall issue a certificate of seaworthiness in accordance with a model it determines, cf. Article 21.

Article 17

Passenger vessels on domestic voyages

When inspecting new passenger vessels (built after 1 January 2001) and existing passenger ships (built before 1 January 2001) on domestic voyages, 24 meters in length and over, care must be taken to ensure that they comply with the provisions of the Ship Survey Act and any regulations issued pursuant thereto, including the provisions of Regulation No. 666/2001 on the safety of passenger ships on domestic voyages, as amended, as well as other provisions of laws and regulations that deal with them as further stipulated in inspection reports and ship inspection manuals.

When inspecting passenger vessels on domestic voyages that do not fall under paragraph 1, care must be taken that they comply with the provisions of the Ship Survey Act and any regulations issued pursuant thereto, as well as other provisions of laws and regulations that deal with them as further stipulated in inspection reports and ship inspection manuals.

Vessels subject to this Article shall undergo an initial survey before they are put into service as passenger ships, a periodic main survey every 12 months and additional surveys as deemed necessary by the Icelandic Transport Authority. Inspections, issuing or endorsing certificates, making and keeping certificates, duration and validity of ship certificates subject to this Article, shall be according to the

provisions of the Regulation on the safety of passenger ships in domestic navigation, no. 666/2001, as amended. Following the inspections by the inspectors of these vessels, the Icelandic Transport Authority shall issue a passenger ship safety certificate and other certificates in accordance with the aforementioned Regulation and a certificate of seaworthiness pursuant to Article 21.

Article 18

Passenger ships on international voyages and cargo ships

When inspecting passenger ships on international voyages and cargo ships, care must be taken to ensure that they comply with the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended, the Ship Survey Act and regulations issued pursuant thereto as well as other provisions of laws and regulations that deal with them according to what is further stipulated in the inspection reports and the ship's inspection manual.

Vessels subject to this Article shall be inspected in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned International Convention, cf. Annex II to this Regulation. Inspections, issuing or endorsing certificates, making and keeping certificates, duration and validity of ship certificates subject to this Article, shall be according to the provisions of the aforementioned International Convention. Following the inspections by the inspectors of these vessels, the Icelandic Transport Authority shall issue a passenger ship or cargo ship safety certificate and other certificates in accordance with the aforementioned International Conventions and certificate of seaworthiness pursuant to Article 21.

Article 19

Inspection of ro-ro ferries and high-speed passenger craft on international voyages

The Icelandic Transport Authority conducts inspection of ro-ro ferries and high-speed passenger craft on international voyages in accordance with the provisions of Regulation No. 743/2001 on inspections of ro-ro ferries and high-speed passenger craft on international voyages.

CHAPTER IV

Miscellaneous provisions

Article 20

Unscheduled inspection

The unscheduled inspection of ships is subject to the provisions of Article 15 of the Ship Survey Act 47/2003.

The Icelandic Transport Authority decides to what extent it uses spot inspections in connection with inspection of inspection bodies and classification societies subject to Article 4.

Article 21

Issuance, validity and retention of certificates

The Icelandic Transport Authority shall issue a certificates of seaworthiness for all vessels in accordance with this Regulation and safety certificates for ships according to the provisions of Articles 15, 17 and

18. The Icelandic Transport Authority also issues a certificate for a temporarily unmanned engine room, and the agency or another inspector designated by it shall carry out an inspection in connection with the issuance of such a certificate as detailed in the ship inspection manual.

The Icelandic Transport Authority is authorized to assign an inspector to sign a safety certificate.

A certificate of seaworthiness is issued according to the period of validity of the inspections, but never for a period longer than 18 months.

After each periodic main inspection of ships according to Articles 15, 17 and 18, the Icelandic Transport Authority shall issue a new safety certificate or endorse the safety certificate for the ship in accordance with the regulations referred to in the aforementioned Articles.

All documents, certificates about the ship and the most recently completed inspection forms must at all times be carried on board the ship and be accessible to the ship's crew and inspection bodies.

Article 22

Fees

The owner/operator pays a fee for an inspection carried out by an inspection body in accordance with his tariff.

Article 23

Penalties

Violations of this Regulation are subject to fines according to the Ship Survey Act No. 47/2003.

Article 24

Entry into force, etc.

This Regulation is established according to the Ship Survey Act No. 47/2003 and enters into force on 2 January 2004.

The provisions of Article 4 on inspection bodies will come into effect on 1 March 2004. Until then, the Icelandic Transport Authority as well as classification societies will inspect ships.

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Annex I

Inspection procedure and certificate issuance of ships according to Articles 14 - 16,
according to regulations on the safety of fishing vessels that are 15 meters or more in maximum length.

<i>Year</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Months</i>		9 12 15	21 24 27	33 36 39	45 48	57 60 63	69 72 75	81 84 87	93 96
<i>Construction, machinery Chapter II III, IV, and VI</i>	U		M		R		M		R
<i>Construction of wooden ships (hull)</i>	U	M	M	M	R	M	M	M	R
<i>Equipment Chapter II III, IV, V., VI, VII, and X</i>	U	A	R	A	R	A	R	A	R
<i>Radio equipment Chapter VII, IX, and X</i>	U	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

U: Initial survey

R: Periodic main survey

M: Intermediate survey

A: Additional survey special Icelandic provision

Annex II
Survey procedure and certification of ships according to Articles 17 and 18.,
according to IMO Resolution A.746(18).

Year	0	1			2			3			4			5	
Months		9	12	15	21	24	27	33	36	39	45	48	51	57	60
Initial survey of all vessels	U														
Passenger ships		R			R			R			R			R	
		renewal survey			renewal survey			renewal survey			renewal survey			renewal survey	
Equipment on board Cargo Ships and Passenger Ships engaged in international voyages		A			A or P			P or A			A			R	
		annual survey			annual main survey			main survey / annual			annual survey			renewal survey	
Radio equipment		P			P			P			P			R	
		periodical inspection			periodical inspection			periodical inspection			periodical inspection			renewal survey	
Construction of a ship		A			A or I			I or A			A			R	
		annual survey			annual / intermediate			intermediate / annual			annual survey			renewal survey	
Transport of gas		A			A or I			I or A			A			R	
		annual survey			annual / intermediate			intermediate / annual			annual survey			renewal survey	
Hazardous materials in bulk		A			A or I			I or A			A			R	
		annual survey			annual / intermediate			intermediate / annual			annual survey			renewal survey	
Load Lines		A			A			A			A			R	
		annual survey			annual survey			annual survey			annual survey			renewal survey	

Prevention of oil pollution MARPOL Annex I	A			A or I			I or A			A			R		
	annual survey			annual / intermediate			intermediate / annual			annual survey			renewal survey		
Protection against chemical pollution MARPOL Annex II	A			A or I			I or A			A			R		
	annual survey			annual / intermediate			intermediate / annual			annual survey			renewal survey		

Notes for inspection types:

R - Renewal survey

P - Periodical survey

I - Intermediate survey

A - Annual survey