

Reputable Shipping Register


Quality Services

Hong Kong Shipping Register is an autonomous register provided under Article 125 of the Basic Law, Hong Kong's constitution.




 Ranked 4th in the world, Hong Kong Shipping Register provides quality services to over 2 500 vessels with a gross tonnage of over 110 million.

Flag State Quality Control

 Hong Kong is firmly committed to upholding ship safety and fulfilling its obligations as a Flag State in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

 With an efficient and cost-effective Flag State Quality Control regime, Port State Control detention rates of Hong Kong-registered ships (0.81% in 2016) remain well below world average (3.13% in 2016).


Operation of the system


 Statutory surveys on cargo ships are delegated to nine authorised classification societies recognised after ascertaining their capability to meet Hong Kong's stringent requirements through inspections and audits. The nine authorised classification societies are:

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- Bureau Veritas (BV)
- China Classification Society (CSS)
- DNV GL
- Korean Register of Shipping (KR)
- Lloyd's Register (LR)
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)
- RINA S.p.A. (RINA)
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)




Panamax bulk carrier – a typical ship type in Hong Kong

 With an international network of qualified ship surveyors, these classification societies offer timely services to Hong Kong-flagged ships to enforce quality control at competitive prices.









 Hong Kong Marine Department maintains regular dialogues with Hong Kong-flagged ships to ensure proper and proactive management of their ships.

Preferential Treatment to Hong Kong-flagged Ships

 Hong Kong has signed a “preferential port dues” agreement with Mainland China which gives Hong Kong-flagged ships a 30% reduction in Chinese port dues.

Cost-effective Register

Hong Kong Shipping Register is user-friendly, cost-effective and efficient, providing timely services to support Hong Kong-flagged ships.

-  The registration fee is the lowest among major shipping registers in terms of total cost for ships.
-  Under the quality ship incentive scheme, a ship with a clean Port State Control detention record for two consecutive years will benefit from 50% reduction of annual tonnage charge for the third year.
-  A concessionary tonnage charge for provisional registration at $\frac{1}{12}$ of the annual tonnage charge.
-  No miscellaneous fees for issuance of marking note, reserving of ship name before registration, etc.
-  One-stop registration services round the clock.
-  Simple formalities to enable registration to be completed within two hours.
-  Apart from maintaining the fleet in shipshape, there are no other requirements, such as employment of local crew, etc.
-  Enjoy Chinese consular assistance around the world.

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