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**Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration, Seafarers & IMO Member States**

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**REBUILDING AND/OR MAJOR CONVERSION DATE & REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS**

It is recognised that for commercial reasons, an Owner may wish to carry-out substantial work on a vessel rather than contract for a newbuilding as a replacement.

An Owner wishing to do this should make a prior request to this office for "Rebuild or Conversion status" before commencing work. However, in exceptional cases where the decision to rebuild only comes after extensive works have been started, such a request will be given due consideration.

If an Owner decides on this course of action, though the original "Date of Build" will still be mentioned in the Ship Registry Book, additionally a "Date of Rebuild/Major Conversion" can also be entered and this can be marked on the Certificate of Registry.

Any 'Rebuilding or major Conversion work should be carried out in accordance with applicable IMO Statutory Requirements and the Rules of the Recognised Organisation/Class Society that will supervise work and/or issue Statutory Certification.

Yours truly,

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