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### Circular

1. This is to notify that henceforth ships with only "Hull Classification" will not be registered under the Bangladesh Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983. In order for a ship to be registered under the Bangladesh Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983, the ship must have its **Hull & Machinery** classed by a Classification Society approved by the Government of Bangladesh or a member of International Association of Classification Society (IACS).
2. The Department of Shipping circular No. CE-102/CS/06/2599(2) dated 04-07-2011 and other circulars/orders/letters issued by this department allowing /related to "Hull Classification" are to be treated as cancelled.
3. It is also mentioned that while constructing a ship for registration under the Bangladesh Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983, the drawings and plans of the ship approved by the Classification Society, must be submitted to the Mercantile Marine Office, Chittagong for acceptance before commencing the construction work.
4. Furthermore, modification works of existing ships registered under the Bangladesh Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1983 are to be carried out only after approval of the modification drawing(s) by the concerned Classification Society and construction supervised by it. A revised Load Line Certificate issued to this effect by the Classification Society is to be produced for re-registration of the ship by Mercantile Marine Office, Chittagong.
5. In addition, all applicable statutory regulations on date of such conversion/modification shall be complied with.

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