3 Each Party shall establish a mechanism for ensuring that Ship Recycling Facilities comply with the requirements of this chapter including the establishment and effective use of inspection, monitoring and enforcement provisions, including powers of entry and sampling. Such a mechanism may include an audit scheme to be carried out by the Competent Authority(ies) or an organization recognized by the Party, taking into account guidelines developed by the Organization, and the results of these audits should be communicated to the Organization.

4 Each Party shall designate one or more Competent Authorities and the single contact point to be used by the Organization, Parties to this Convention and other interested entities, for matters related to Ship Recycling Facilities operating within the jurisdiction of that Party.

Regulation 16 – Authorization of Ship Recycling Facilities

1 Ship Recycling Facilities which recycle ships to which this Convention applies, or ships treated similarly pursuant to Article 3.4, shall be authorized by a Party taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization.

2 The authorization shall be carried out by the Competent Authority(ies) and shall include verification of documentation required by this Convention and a site inspection. The Competent Authority(ies) may however entrust the authorization of Ship Recycling Facilities to organizations recognized by it.

3 The Party shall notify the Organization of the specific responsibilities and conditions of the authority delegated to the recognized organizations, for circulation to Parties. In every case, the Competent Authority(ies) retains full responsibility for the authorization issued.

4 The authorization shall be drawn up in the form set forth in Appendix 5. If the language used is not English, French or Spanish, the text shall include a translation into one of these languages.

5 The authorization shall be valid for a period specified by the Party but not exceeding five years. The Party shall identify the terms for which the authorization will be issued, withdrawn, suspended, amended and renewed, and communicate these terms to the Ship Recycling Facilities. If a Ship Recycling Facility refuses inspection by the Competent Authority(ies) or the recognized organization operating on its/their behalf, the authorization shall be suspended or withdrawn.

6 If incidents or actions taken at the Ship Recycling Facility have the effect that the conditions for the authorization are no longer fulfilled, the Ship Recycling Facility shall inform the Competent Authority(ies). The Competent Authority(ies) may accordingly decide to suspend or withdraw the authorization, or require corrective actions by the Ship Recycling Facility.

Regulation 17 – General requirements

1 Ship Recycling Facilities authorized by a Party shall establish management systems, procedures and techniques which do not pose health risks to the workers concerned or to the population in the vicinity of the Ship Recycling Facility and which will prevent, reduce, minimize and to the extent practicable eliminate adverse effects on the environment caused by Ship Recycling, taking into account guidelines developed by the Organization.

2 Ship Recycling Facilities authorized by a Party shall, for ships to which this Convention applies, or ships treated similarly pursuant to Article 3.4:

.1 only accept ships that:

.1 comply with this Convention; or

.2 meet the requirements of this Convention;

.2 only accept ships which they are authorized to recycle; and

.3 have the documentation of its authorization available if such documentation is requested by a shipowner that is considering recycling a ship at that Ship Recycling Facility.

Regulation 18 – Ship Recycling Facility Plan

Ship Recycling Facilities authorized by a Party shall prepare a Ship Recycling Facility Plan. The Plan shall be adopted by the board or the appropriate governing body of the Recycling Company, and shall include:

.1 a policy ensuring workers' safety and the protection of human health and the environment, including the establishment of objectives that lead to the minimization and elimination to the extent practicable of the adverse effects on human health and the environment caused by Ship Recycling;

.2 a system for ensuring implementation of the requirements set out in this Convention, the achievement of the goals set out in the policy of the Recycling Company, and the continuous improvement of the procedures and standards used in the Ship Recycling operations;

.3 identification of roles and responsibilities for employers and workers when conducting Ship Recycling operations;

.4 a programme for providing appropriate information and training of workers for the safe and environmentally sound operation of the Ship Recycling Facility;

.5 an emergency preparedness and response plan;

.6 a system for monitoring the performance of Ship Recycling;

.7 a record-keeping system showing how Ship Recycling is carried out;

.8 a system for reporting discharges, emissions, incidents and accidents causing damage, or with the potential of causing damage, to workers' safety, human health and the environment; and

.9 a system for reporting occupational diseases, accidents, injuries and other adverse effects on workers' safety and human health,

taking into account guidelines developed by the Organization.