Regulation 13 – Duration and validity of certificates

(1) An International Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate shall be issued for a period specified by the Administration which shall not exceed five years. An International Fishing Vessel Exemption Certificate shall not be valid for longer than the period of the certificate to which it refers.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (1), when the renewal survey is completed within three months before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate.

(b) When the renewal survey is completed after the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate.

(c) When the renewal survey is completed more than three months before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding five years from the date of completion of the renewal survey.

(3) If a certificate is issued for a period of less than five years, the Administration may extend the validity of the certificate beyond the expiry date to the maximum period specified in paragraph (1), provided that the surveys referred to in regulations 7, 8 and 9 applicable when a certificate is issued for a period of five years are carried out as appropriate.

(4) If a renewal survey has been completed and a new certificate cannot be issued or placed on board the vessel before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the person or organization authorized by the Administration may endorse the existing certificate and such a certificate shall be accepted as valid for a further period which shall not exceed five months from the expiry date.

(5) If a vessel at the time when a certificate expires is not in a port in which it is to be surveyed, the Administration may extend the period of validity of the certificate but this extension shall be granted only for the purpose of allowing the vessel to complete its voyage to the port in which it is to be surveyed, and then only in cases where it appears proper and reasonable to do so. No certificate shall be extended for a period longer than three months, and a vessel to which an extension is granted shall not, on its arrival in the port in which it is to be surveyed, be entitled by virtue of such extension to leave that port without having a new certificate. When the renewal survey is completed, the new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate before the extension was granted.

(6) In special circumstances, as determined by the Administration, a new certificate need not be dated from the date of expiry of the existing certificate as required by paragraph (2)(b) or (5). In these special circumstances, the new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding five years from the date of completion of the renewal survey.

(7) If an annual, intermediate or periodical survey is completed before the period specified in the relevant regulations then:

(a) the anniversary date shown on the relevant certificate shall be amended by endorsement to a date which shall not be more than three months later than the date on which the survey was completed;

(b) the subsequent annual, intermediate or periodical survey required by the relevant regulations shall be completed at the intervals prescribed by these regulations using the new anniversary date; and

(c) the expiry date may remain unchanged provided one or more annual, intermediate or periodical surveys, as appropriate, are carried out so that the maximum intervals between the surveys prescribed by the relevant regulations are not exceeded.

(8) A certificate issued under regulation 11 or 12 shall cease to be valid in any of the following cases:

(a) if the relevant surveys and inspections are not completed within the periods specified under regulations 7(1), 8(1) and 9(1);

(b) if the certificate is not endorsed in accordance with the present regulations; and

(c) upon transfer of the vessel to the flag of another State. A new certificate shall only be issued when the Government issuing the new certificate is fully satisfied that the vessel is in compliance with the requirements of regulations 10(1) and 10(2). In the case of a transfer between Parties, if requested within three months after the transfer has taken place, the Government of the State whose flag the vessel was formerly entitled to fly shall, as soon as possible, transmit to the Administration copies of the certificates carried by the vessel before a transfer and, if available, copies of the relevant survey reports.

Regulation 14 – Forms of certificates and records of equipment

The certificates and records of equipment shall be drawn up in the form corresponding to the models given in the appendix to the annex to the present Protocol. If the language used is neither English nor French, the text shall include a translation into one of these languages.

Regulation 15 – Availability of certificates

The certificates issued under regulations 11 and 12 shall be readily available on board for examination at all times.