



General Rules for the Certification according to the Friend of the Sea Standard

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CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

1.1

These Rules describe the procedures applied by RINA for the certification of Friend of the Sea Management Systems (FoS) and how Organisations can apply for, obtain, retain, use, suspend and withdraw certification.

For any issues not covered in this document, reference should be made to "GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS GOVERNING SYSTEM, PRODUCT AND STAFF CERTIFICATION" which can be downloaded at www.rina.org.

1.2

RINA issues this certificate to Organisations whose Management System has been recognised as fully conforming to the FoS standard.

1.3

Certification is open to all Organisations and does not depend on whether they belong to an association or group.

RINA will apply the fees established on the basis of its current tariffs for the certification service and guarantees fairness and uniformity of application. RINA is entitled to refuse requests for certification by Organisations that have been the subject, or whose production or activities have been the subject, of restriction, suspension or proscription by a public authority.

1.4

The certificate issued by RINA pertains exclusively to a single Organisation, where Organisation means a group, company, enterprise, body or institution, or parts and combinations thereof, whether associated or not, public or private, with its own functional and administrative structure.

For Organisations with more than one operating unit, a single operating unit can be defined as an Organisation.

1.5

The body guaranteeing the certificates issued by RINA (Accreditation Body) may require its observers to take part in the audits performed by RINA in order to ascertain whether the auditing methods applied by RINA comply with the relative standards. The participation of these observers is agreed in advance between RINA and the Organisation. If the Organisation does not allow these observers to take part, the validity of its certificate is suspended.



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The terminology used in these Rules is indicated in the ISO 9000:2005 and UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17000:2005 standards.

1.7

All the information received from the customer organization is treated as confidential.

CHAPTER 2 REFERENCE STANDARD / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

2.1

Organisations wishing to obtain RINA certification of their Friend of the Sea (FoS) System must first and henceforth satisfy the requirements of FoS standard and those indicated in the following paragraphs of this Chapter.

During its accreditation activities, in fact, RINA must abide by certain reference documents issued by the accreditation bodies. These documents can be obtained from RINA or directly from the accreditation bodies (consulting their Internet sites, for example).

2.2

- The conformity to the FoS reference standard is verified by means of an audit programme that includes: An initial audit in two stages, plus the certification decision phase (see chapter 3 for details);
- One surveillance audit after 12 months from the date of issue of the certificate (see chapter 4 for details);
- A certification renewal audit after 30 months from the date of issue of the certificate, before the date of expiry of the certificate (on the third year (see chapter 5 for details).
- The next audit will be conducted within 18 months from the date of the renewal of the certificate.

CHAPTER 3 INITIAL CERTIFICATION

3.1

Organisations wishing to obtain RINA certification for their FoS System must provide RINA with their main organisation/production data and site location by filling in all parts of the "Informative Questionnaire" form, available at www.rina.org, and sending it to RINA which will use it to prepare a quotation.

In particular, the informative questionnaire requires information to be provided on:

- the requested scope of certification;
- the general characteristics of the Organisation,
- the number of permanent and temporary sites subject to certification, including the name and addresses of the physical location/s and the relative activities performed;
- any relationships with other larger companies;
- any certificates already obtained;
- For FoS WILD certification scheme: number and location of the fishing boats;
- For FoS AQUA certification scheme: type, number and characteristics of the different plants.

These information have to be provided by an authorized representative of the applicant organization.

On the basis of this information, RINA prepares a suitable offer.

3.2

Prior to performing the audit, RINA makes sure:

- a) there is sufficient information concerning the applicant organisation and its FoS system to perform the audit;
- b) sampling and men/days calculation conforms to requirements set by Associazione Friend of the Sea
- c) certification requirements are clearly established and documented and are sent to the applicant organisation;
- d) every difference of interpretation between RINA and the applicant organisation has been eliminated;
- e) RINA has the skills and capacity to perform certification activities.

3.3

If organisations accept the offer, they must make their application official by sending RINA copy of the same offer signed for acceptance.

The agreement signed between RINA and the organisation includes:

- the initial audit comprising two stages and, if the outcome is successful, the issue of the certificate;
- subsequent surveillance and recertification audits;
- any additional services specified in the offer, if requested by the organisation.

3.4

Together with or following the certification request, the Organisation must make the following documents available to RINA:

the documented information required by the reference standard and / or deemed necessary by the Organization to ensure the effectiveness of the management system;

- copy of the Chamber of Commerce registration certificate or an equivalent document, certifying the existence of the organisation and describing the activity it performs;
- updated list of boats and aquaculture sites in case any changes have occurred since the Information Questionnaire delivery.

- list of current sites, describing the activities performed there, where applicable.
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RINA may ask, at its discretion, to examine other documents, apart from those previously mentioned, that are considered to be important for assessing the Management System.

RINA examines the above documents for conformity with the reference standard and these Rules.

3.5 INITIAL AUDIT

The initial audit comprises two stages and the certification decision:

- Stage 1 audit, which can be performed:
 - partly in the office and partly at the organisation's site, or
 - entirely off-site
- Stage 2 audit – on site.
- Certification decision: taken by the RINA Decision Maker on the audit results.

During the initial audit, the organisation must demonstrate that the FoS System has been fully operational and that it effectively applies the system and relative documented procedures.

3.6

After the satisfactory completion of the initial audit and after validation by RINA, through the certification decision activity, a Certificate of Conformity with the reference standard, valid for three years, is issued for the FoS System in question.

The validity of the certificate is subject to the result of the subsequent surveillance audits and the three-yearly recertification of the FoS Management System.

Copy of the certificate issued, together with a summary audit report, will be sent to the FoS Desk, within one month since the issue of the certificate.

3.7 CERTIFICATE CONTENTS AND VALIDITY

The certificate contains:

- the name and address of the company,
- the address of the operative site/s included in the certification,
- the scope of certification,
- the process to be certified, including the scientific name of the species and if applicable, the fishing gear and fishing area,
- the reference standard and their version,
- the certificate number,
- the date of issue,
- the date of expiry,
- the CAB,
- the name and surname of the TL,
- the signature of the responsible person.

Moreover, the certificate issued shall contain information on the national accreditation acquired by the CAB (including accreditation certificate number, name of the Accreditation body and of the CAB)

For details on the management and validity of the certificates of conformity issued by RINA, see Chapter 6.

CHAPTER 4 MAINTAINING VALIDITY OF THE CERTIFICATE (SURVEILLANCE PHASE)

4.1

The Organisation must ensure its FoS Management System continues to comply with the Reference Standards.

4.2

The Organisation must record any claims and the relative corrective action implemented and must make these records available to RINA together with the corrective action implemented during the periodic audits.

4.3

RINA performs periodic audits on the FoS Management System in order to evaluate whether it remains compliant with the requirements of the reference standard according to the methods described in Chapter 6.

4.4

Communication of the surveillance audits results will be sent to the FoS Desk within one month of the audit date.

4.5 ADDITIONAL, SUPPLEMENTARY AND UNANNOUNCED AUDITS

RINA also reserves the right to perform additional audits with respect to those established in the three-year programme, without notice, at the organisation:

- if it receives claims or reports, considered to be particularly significant, relative to the non-compliance of the FoS System with the requirements of the reference standard and of these Rules
- in relation to changes taking place in the organisation
- to organisations whose certification has been suspended.

If the organisation refuses without a justified reason, RINA may decide to suspend/withdraw certification.

If RINA considers the claims and reports to be justified, the cost of the supplementary audit will be charged to the organisation

- RINA shall carry out unannounced audits for a minimum of 10% of the certified producer groups and multi-sites RINA has certified, during the three years of validity of the certificates.
- RINA may inform the CO and this notification will not exceed two working days in advance of the intended visit. Audits shall follow the UNI EN ISO 19011 regulation.

4.6

The validity of the certificate is confirmed following the successful outcome of the surveillance audit.

4.7

In the case of major non-conformities (essential requirements) or minor non-conformities (important requirements) whose number in the opinion of the audit team is such as to impair the correct functioning of the system, the organisation will be subject to a supplementary audit within the time limits established by RINA in relation to the importance of the non-conformities and, in any case, not more than three months after the end of the audit in order to check the effectiveness of corrections and of the proposed corrective action. If the major non-conformities are not eliminated within the established times or if the minor non-conformities do not assure the supplied products/services satisfy customer requirements and applicable law, RINA may suspend certification until these major non-conformities have been eliminated and, in any case, as specified in Chapter 9.

All costs relative to any supplementary audits deriving from shortcomings in the FoS System will be charged to the organisation.

4.8

Communications of the additional or supplementary audits results and of the related decisions, together with copy of the audit report, will be sent to the FoS Desk by one month since the audit date.

CHAPTER 5 RECERTIFICATION

5.1

For the recertification audit of the FoS System, performed every three years, the organisation must contact RINA about three months before the date indicated on the three year audit plan in its possession, and send an updated and complete copy of the Informative Questionnaire (available at www.rina.org) in order to allow RINA to plan the activity and agree on the date of the recertification audit.



5.2

The recertification audit sets out to confirm maintenance of the conformity and effectiveness of the overall FoS System and is mainly based on an audit to perform on-site, generally, using the same criteria as the stage 2 audit.

5.3

The recertification procedure must be successfully terminated before the expiry date indicated on the certificate.

5.4

In the case of major non-conformities or minor non-conformities whose number in the opinion of the auditing team is such as to impair the correct functioning of the FoS system, the organisation must effectively implement the relative corrections and corrective actions before the date of expiry of the certificate of conformity.

This means that RINA must perform the supplementary audit to verify the elimination of these non-conformities (major or minor) in sufficient time for the subsequent issue of the certificate.

The established times within which the supplementary audit must be performed are indicated in the recertification audit report.

The auditing team may decide to perform the supplementary audit on site or on the documents, depending on the type of corrective action involved.

All costs relative to any supplementary audits deriving from shortcomings in the FoS System will be charged to the organisation.

5.5

Following the satisfactory completion of the recertification audit, the review of the FoS system results during the certification period and of any claims received from certification users, RINA reissues the certificate of conformity.

Confirmation of recertification approval by RINA with consequent issue of the certificate is sent to the organisation in writing and to the FoS Desk within one month of the date of approval.

For details on the management and validity of the certificates of conformity issued by RINA, see Chapter 6.

CHAPTER 6 MANAGEMENT OF CERTIFICATES OF CONFORMITY

6.1 GENERAL

6.1.1 The audits will be performed in compliance with ISO 19011.

The dates of the surveillance audits are agreed with the organisation. An "Audit Plan" is drawn up for each audit which is sent to the customer organisation in good time.

RINA also uses the Audit Plan to inform the Organisation of the names of the auditors and technical experts appointed to perform the audit, chosen on the basis of the skills required to perform the audit; the Organisation may object to the appointment of these auditors provided it gives a justified reason.

The audit has the following objectives:

- a) Determining of the conformity of the client's FoS systems, or part of it, with audit criteria;
- b) Evaluation of the ability of the FoS system to ensure the client organization meets applicable contractual requirements;
- c) Evaluation of the effectiveness of the FoS system to ensure the client organization is continually meeting the specific objectives;
- d) As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the FoS management system
- e) Check that the organization is informed of the FoS logo use rules (FoS St 2012) and that applies them.

The Audit Plan indicates the tasks assigned to each auditor.

6.1.2 Each auditor shall be accompanied by a guide appointed by the organization to facilitate the audit performance and that can have the following responsibilities:

- establishing contacts and timing for interviews;
- arranging visits to specific parts of the site or organization;
- ensuring that rules concerning site safety and security procedures are known and respected by the audit team members;
- witnessing the audit on behalf of the client;
- providing clarification or information as requested by an auditor.

6.1.3 The audit will be performed according to the applicable FoS certification scheme (FOS WILD, FOS AQUA, FOS FF, FOS FM, FOS FO, FOS 03, FOS COC).

6.1.4 NON CONFORMITY GRADING

6.1.4.1 In case of non compliance, or need of improvement, three levels findings are identifies: Major Non conformities, Minor Non conformities and Recommendations.

The grading is stated for each requirement in the applicable Fos Certification Schemes (FOS WILD, FOS AQUA, FOS FF, FOS FM, FOS FO, FOS 03, FOS COC)

Generally:



- For essential requirements a 100% compliance is required so that the Client may be recommended for certification. Any deficiency related to these requirements shall be considered a **Major Non-Conformity** and relative corrective actions will have to be implemented within a maximum of three months from the date the Non Conformity is found. The company must provide satisfactory evidence to RINA regarding the correction of all Major Non-Conformities.
- For important requirements a 100% compliance is required so that the Client may be recommended for certification. Any deficiency related to these requirements shall be considered a **Minor Non-Conformity** and proposals for relevant corrective actions (statement of purpose and action plan), must be submitted to RINA within a maximum of three weeks from the date the Non Conformity is found. The Client shall submit the timeline for the completion of each corrective action, that shall be completely implemented within a maximum of one year. The certification can be granted only after the acceptance of the corrective actions by RINA with the timetable for their implementation.
- Recommended Indicators: compliance with these requirements is not strictly required in order to be recommended for certification. However all aspects of these requirements will be controlled during the audit, and any deficiencies will be highlighted in the audit report as a recommendation. The company will have to assess the need for corrective actions implementation and, by the next audit, must inform RINA of decisions taken and corrective actions implemented.

6.1.4.2 In the event of major non-conformities the certification process is suspended; in the event of minor non-conformities the number of which, in the audit team's judgement, may compromise the efficiency of the management system, the certification process is also suspended.

In these cases, a supplementary audit must be performed within three months in order to check the effectiveness of corrections and of the proposed corrective action; if this audit is successful the certification process will be resumed.

The auditing team may decide to perform the supplementary audit on site or on the documents, depending on the type of corrective action involved.

All costs relative to any supplementary audits deriving from shortcomings in the FoS System will be charged to the organisation.

6.2 INITIAL CERTIFICATION AUDIT

The initial certification audit is divided into two stages

6.2.1 STAGE 1

The stage 1 audit sets out to:

- Develop stage 2 audit planning, acquiring sufficient knowledge of the activities performed on the customer's site as regard possible significant aspects;
- Pre- assess of the following items:
 - a) For wild fish: pre assessment of the stock status and of the environmental analysis of the fishing instrument risk;

- b) For the aquaculture: pre assessment of the environmental impact of the system in place and the environmental risk related to the bred species.

Any findings classified as critical by the technicians who identified them during stage 1 of the audit, must be eliminated before proceeding with stage 2 at the organisation's site; if stage 1 and stage 2 are performed consecutively, stage 2 must be rescheduled and postponed.

At least part of stage 1 will be performed at the organisation's site/s. 6.2.2 STAGE 2

Stage 2 of the audit must be performed within 6 months from termination of stage 1, otherwise stage 1 must be repeated. In special cases, RINA may decide to extend this limit to 12 months.

Stage 2 of the audit is performed at the organisation's site in order to check the correct and effective implementation and application of the FoS System.

Before conducting the stage 2 audit, RINA sends an audit plan to the site/s of the organisation giving a detailed description of the activities and the requirements for conducting the audit.

If the organisation performs its activities on more than one operative site, the audit will be performed according to criteria established by RINA and communicated to the Organisation.

For FOS WILD a sampling will be applied for the inspection to the fishing boats and any different sites if present; for FOS AQUA and other type of plants a sampling will be applied to the different type of sites.

The stage 2 audit is performed by qualified RINA surveyors, on the basis of the stage 1 audit according to the ISO 19011 requirements and on the applicable FoS scheme base (FOS WILD, FOS AQUA, FOS FF, FOS FM, FOS FO, FOS 03, FOS COC).

The stage 2 audit comprises the following main points:

- an initial meeting with the management, and when appropriate, with those who are responsible for the functions or processes to be audited, in order to explain and confirm the audit objectives and audit methods indicated in the audit plan; verification that the corrective action relative to the findings identified during stage 1 of the audit have been effectively implemented;
- an inspection of the production site/s of the organisation to verify conformity of the FoS System with the reference documents and its complete implementation, check the compliance to the rules stated by FoS for the logo use;
- a closing meeting to present the audit conclusion.

In the event of major non-conformities the certification process is suspended; in the event of minor non-conformities the number of which, in the audit team's judgement, may compromise the efficiency of the FoS management system, the certification process is also suspended.



In these cases, a supplementary audit must be performed within three months in order to check the effectiveness of handling and of the proposed corrective action; if this audit is successful the certification process will be resumed.

The auditing team may decide to perform the supplementary audit on site or on the documents, depending on the type of corrective action involved.
All costs relative to any supplementary audits deriving from shortcomings in the FoS System will be charged to the organisation.

If this deadline is exceeded, the FoS System shall be submitted within a period of six months since the end of stage 2 audit, to an audit using the criteria (modalities and time) required for recertification

After the six-month period has elapsed and the situation still remains negative, RINA reserves the right to definitively close the certification file and charge the time spent and expenses incurred up to that moment. In such a case, if the organisation wishes to proceed with RINA certification, it must submit a new application and repeat the certification procedure.

In special cases, the above time limits may be modified at the request of the organisation, if considered justified by RINA.

6.3 SURVEILLANCE AUDITS

6.3.1

RINA performs periodic audits on the FoS System in order to evaluate whether it remains compliant with the requirements of the reference standard.

The first surveillance audit after the Certification, of the organizations certified according to the FOS schemes, must be carried out **within 12 months** from the certification issue.

After the recertification audit, the surveillance audits are carried out **each 18 months**.

6.3.2

Surveillance audits are performed at the organisation's site/s, according to a three-year program and in compliance with the defined sampling of the fishing boats and or sites.

The following aspects will be considered during the surveillance audits:

- a) effectiveness of the FoS system as regards achieving of objectives;
- b) review of the action taken as a result of the non-conformities identified during the previous audit;
- c) claims handling;
- d) continual operative control;
- e) compliance to the FoS logo use rules,
- f) a review of any changes.



Details of the activities and instructions for performing surveillance audits at the site/s are described in the surveillance audit plan which RINA sends to the organisation before performing the audit.

6.4 RECERTIFICATION AUDIT

6.4.1

Re-certification audit is conducted after about 30 months from the date of issue of the certificate, before the expiry of the validity period of the certificate - 3 (three) years.

6.4.2

The recertification audit is performed at the organisation's site/s in order to confirm the continual conformity and effectiveness of the overall management system, as well as the continual relevance and applicability of the scope of certification. It mainly comprises an audit of a site normally performed using the same criteria as stage 2 of the audit.

In particular, the recertification audit comprises an on-site audit which considers, among other things, the following aspects:

- confirmation of the continual conformity and effectiveness of the FoS system, as well as the continual relevance and applicability of the scope of certification,
- the performance of the FoS system in the certification period,
- a review of the previous surveillance audit reports.
- compliance to the FoS logo use rules,

If significant changes have been made to the FoS System or to the context in which the FoS System operates, a stage 1 audit may be required.

CHAPTER 7 MANAGEMENT OF CERTIFICATES OF CONFORMITY

7.1

The certificate of conformity issued by RINA is valid for three years starting from the date of approval by RINA of the initial certification or recertification proposal.

7.2

From the moment of issue of the certificate by RINA, this and the relative three-year audit plan will be made available to the organisation in the "Member Area" of the RINA website (www.rina.org). The organisation may therefore enter and download the above documents directly from this area of the RINA website.

If it is impossible to access the Internet, the organisation may request a hardcopy from the pertinent RINA Office.

The certificate issued and the audit report are sent to the FoS Desk for publication.

7.3

The validity of the certificate, throughout the three years of validity, is subject to the results of the subsequent surveillance audit.

The certificate of conformity is reissued following the successful outcome of each recertification audit, as indicated in Chapter 5 hereto.

The validity of the certificate may be suspended, withdrawn or relinquished in accordance with the contents of Chapters 9 and 10.

RINA directly publishes and updates the following on its website www.rina.org:

- a) the list of certified organisations;
- b) status of validity of the certificates issued, indicating valid, suspended or invalid for each certificate;
- c) copies of valid certificates.

On request, RINA provides information on the reasons for the invalidity of the certificate.

CHAPTER 8 MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION OF CHANGES

8.1

An organisation in possession of certification may request a modification or extension by presenting a new certification application, accompanied by the duly updated documentation indicated in point 3.4.

RINA reserves the right to examine requests on a case by-case basis and to decide the evaluation methods for the purpose of issuing a new certificate according to the "GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS GOVERNING SYSTEM, PRODUCT AND STAFF CERTIFICATION" and the reference standard or regulatory document for the FoS system.

8.2

The organisation must promptly inform RINA of any changes in factors that may affect the capacity of the FoS System to continue to satisfy the requirements of the standard used for certification.

This requirement concerns, for example, modifications to:

- a) the legal, commercial, organisational or ownership status;
- b) organisation and management (e.g.: key managers or technical staff, decision-making process);
- c) contact addresses and sites;

- d) field of application of the activities covered by the certified FoS system;
- e) significant changes in the FoS system and processes.

RINA reserves the right to perform additional audits on the organisation if the modifications communicated are considered particularly significant as regards maintaining the conformity of the FoS System with the requirements of the reference standard and of these rules or to review the economic conditions for the possible modification of the contract.

8.3

RINA promptly informs the organisation of every change in the reference standards or RINA certification rules.

CHAPTER 9 SUSPENSION, REINSTATEMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF CERTIFICATION

9.1

The validity of the certificate of conformity may be suspended as indicated in "GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS GOVERNING SYSTEM, PRODUCT AND STAFF CERTIFICATION" and in the following specific cases:

- if the Organisation refuses to allow the scheduled audits to be performed at the required frequencies;
- if non-conformities are found in the Fos system which have not been corrected within the time limits established by RINA
- if the organisation does not observe the deadlines established for the communication of corrective actions, following non-conformities/observations indicated on the audit report;
- if the organisation has made far-reaching changes to its Site/s or moves to another site without informing RINA of such changes;
- if the Organisation has made modifications to its FoS system that have not been accepted by RINA;
- if the organisation has undergone important re-structuring and has not reported this to RINA;
- if it refuses or obstructs the participation in audits of the observers of an accreditation body;
- for evidence that the FoS System does not guarantee the respect of the laws and regulations applicable to the sustainable fish, aquaculture, fish oil, fish feed plants;
- if any justified and serious claims received by RINA are confirmed;
- if the organization uses or improperly or deceptively advertises the obtained certification;
- to use the Friend of the Sea logo without having received license from the Association Friend of the Sea or to default in the payment of the annual fee for use of the logo;
- when the organization fails to meet its financial obligations at the time the contract with RINA

The organisation may also make a justified request to suspend certification, normally for not more than six months and in no case after the date of expiry of the certificate.

This suspension will be notified in writing, stating the conditions for re-instating certification and the date by which the new conditions are to be complied with and it will be communicated by RINA to the FoS Desk.

Suspension of the validity of the certificate is made public by RINA directly on the website www.rina.org as indicated in point 7.3.

9.2

Reinstatement of certification is subject to verification that the shortcomings which led to the suspension itself have been eliminated. This shall take place by 90 days since the suspension date, otherwise the certification will be revoked. The reinstatement is subject to the positive results of an audit checking the compliance of the FoS System with all the requirements of the reference standard.

In the period of suspension, the products cannot be claimed as conforming.

Reinstatement is notified to the FoS Desk and to the organisation in writing and made public by RINA on its website www.rina.org as established in point 7.3.

9.3

Failure to fulfil the conditions as per point 9.2 above by the established date will lead to revocation of the Certificate of Conformity.

Revocation of the certificate of conformity may be decided as indicated in "GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS GOVERNING SYSTEM, PRODUCT AND STAFF CERTIFICATION" and in the following specific cases:

- when there are reasons such as those indicated in point 9.1 for suspension, which are held to be particularly serious;
- if the organisation stops the activities or services covered by the certified FoS System for over six months as a rule;
- if the organisation does not accept the new economic conditions established by RINA due to a modification in the contract;
- for every other major reason, at RINA's discretion, such as the proven incapacity of the system to pursue its objectives of complying with legislative, contractual or product safety requirements.

Withdrawal of the Certificate of Conformity is notified in writing to the Organisation and to the FoS Desk and made public by RINA as indicated in point 7.3.

In case of certificate revocation the organization shall immediately cease the application of the FoS logo on the products produced after the revocation date and of the use of FoS logo on any other document.

Any organisation which, following revocation of its Certificate, wishes to be re-certified, must submit a new application and follow the entire procedure all over again.



CHAPTER 10 RENUNCIATION OF CERTIFICATION

10.1

A certified organisation may send formal communication of renunciation of certification to RINA, before the expiry of the certificate, including the case in which the organization does not wish to or cannot conform to new provisions established by RINA.

Upon receipt of this communication, RINA starts the procedure for invalidating the certificate.

Generally speaking, within one month from the date of the communication, RINA updates the validity status of the certificate.

Communication will be sent to the FoS Desk.

CHAPTER 11 CONTRACT CONDITIONS

For contract conditions, the contents of the current edition of the RINA document "GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS GOVERNING SYSTEM, PRODUCT AND PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION" apply.



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