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Subject: New validity periods for some Canadian Radio Inspection Certificates

Scope

This bulletin applies to Canadian vessels that must be inspected and certified under Section 240 of the *Navigation Safety Regulations, 2020*.

This bulletin does not apply to

- “Convention vessels” (Vessels that must comply with the SOLAS Convention), or
- vessels subject to the *Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America for Promotion of Safety on the Great Lakes by Means of Radio, 1973*

Purpose

This bulletin is to inform you that the validity period of the Canadian Radio Inspection Certificate is changing from 1 year up to 4 years in some instances. A new [policy](#) which defines the period of validity of these certificates under the *Navigation Safety Regulations, 2020* came into force on 1 October 2022.

What you need to know

Under this new policy, a vessel that operates exclusively within Sea Area A1 (as defined in the [Radio Aids to Marine Navigation, 2023](#)) can have a Radio Inspection Certificate that is valid for up to 4 years.

Under the repealed *Ship Station Radio (Technical) Regulations, 1999*, the validity period for the radio inspection Certificate of such vessel when navigating outside Sheltered Waters, was limited to 1 year.

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1. Ship Radio Inspection
2. Navigation Safety Regulations, 2020
3. Radio Inspection Certificate

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You don't need to take any action. This policy is already being implemented. To limit inspection peaks, the new validity periods will roll-out according to the table below. Any inspection (subsequent or not) conducted on or after August 1, 2023, will be subject to a certificate validity of up to 4 years.

Table 1: Timeline for implementing new validity period

Inspection conducted between	Certificate valid for up to
April 1 to May 31, 2023	2 years
June 1 to July 31, 2023	3 years
On or after August 1, 2023	4 years

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