

Slovak Republic

Slovenska Republika known as the Slovak Republic or as Slovakia officially came into existence on January 1, 1993 upon receiving independence from Czechoslovakia. The Slovak Republic is located in Central Europe bordering on Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine and is known as the "Country at the Heart of Europe.". Bratislava is its capital and largest city. Slovakia's total area is about 48,845 sq km where the country's maximum length from east to west is about 416 km, and its maximum width from north to south is about 208 km. It boasts rugged mountains in its central and northern regions, whereas the southern region is made up of fertile lowlands. Slovakia has a continental climate, with four distinct seasons. The Slovaks are descendants of the Slavic people and comprise about 86 percent of the country's inhabitants; Hungarians, who constitute the largest minority group, comprise close to 11 percent. There is a population of approximately 5.3 million. Slovak, is the official language of Slovakia; and is closely related to the Czech language. Hungarian is also widely spoken.; In October 1993 Slovakia became an associate member of the European Union (EU), and in 1995 the country applied for EU membership and formal negotiations were started in 1999.

Incentives

- No restrictions as to who can apply for registration;
- No requirement to have a local crew;
- Very competitive fees
- All STCW certificates are recognised

Eligibility for Registration

There are no requirements concerning local ownership or participation in ownership, in order to apply for registration of a vessel in Slovak Republic. The Registry is open to many types, class, or size of vessel used for navigation that is engaged in any lawful trade, service or international maritime activity. However, fishing vessels, passenger vessels and ferry boats are not accepted for registration.

Provisional Registration

The registration of a vessel under provisional basis is effected for three months. The following documents must be submitted in copy:

- Application for vessel registration and ship station license
- Notarised Power of attorney granted by the vessel's owner to Mansoc Shipping Services
- Notarised Bill of Sale or Builder's Certificate for new buildings
- Memorandum of Agreement (if applicable)
- Copy of previous DOC and SMC for vessels >500GRT
- Copies of ITC, statutory certificates and class issued by previous flag administration
- Copy of ISSC and CSR from previous flag administration for vessels >500GRT
- Copy of previous radio station license
- Copy of previous certificate of registry
- Copy of previous minimum safe manning
- Transcript from Maritime Register

Permanent Registration

Permanent registration is effected upon submission of below mentioned documents. The minimum safe manning is valid for 5 years and the ship station license up to 2 years. The radio license is according to decision of Telecom Office For the purpose of permanent registration the following requirements must be accomplished:

- *Original notarised Builder's certificate, if it is a newly built vessel;*
- *Original notarised Bill of Sale*
- *Original Deletion certificate from previous registry (this must be submitted one month after provisional registration)*
- *Original notarised Power of Attorney on behalf of Mansoc Shipping Services*
- *Original application forms*
- *Statutory Certificates issued on behalf of Slovak Republic administration*
- *DOC/SMC issued on behalf of Slovak Republic for vessels >500 GRT*
- *ISSC issued on behalf of Slovak Republic for vessels >500 GRT*
- *Copy of certificate from insurance company*
- *Copy of certificate from P&I Club*

Bareboat Registration (In / Out)

The Slovak Republic accepts both Bareboat in registrations under their flag and they also allow for vessels to register out under a secondary flag.

Mortgage Registration

Mortgages are recorded by Slovak Republic and are recognised by numerous international banks. The following documents must be submitted for recording of mortgage:

- *Apostilled original of the Mortgage Contract in English or confirmed by public notary*
- *Owners Certificate of good standing*
- *Management Agreement between Owners/ Managers (if any)*
- *Certificate of good legal standing of the other side partners (e.g. bank)*
- *Bank Credit Contract (if any)*

Seafarer Documents - Endorsements

Certificates of Proficiency of all crewmembers must comply with STCW 1978 as amended in 1995. All officers must in possession of Slovak Republic endorsement within three months from registration of vessel.

Authorised Classification Societies

- Lloyd's Register
- Germanischer Lloyd
- Det Norske Veritas
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping
- Polski Rejestr Statkow
- Bulgarian Register of Shipping
- Turk Lloyd