

# Mongolia

Mongolia is situated, Central Asian nation bounded by Russia and China. It has a total area of 1,566,500 sq. km (604,830-sq. mi). The capital and largest city is Ulaanbaatar.

Mongolia is an arid plateau region with mountains in the north and the Gobi dominates west, its center and southeast.

Temperatures are very cold in winter and warm to hot in summer. Annual rainfall seldom exceeds 380 mm (15 in) in the mountains and 125 mm (5 in) in the desert. Mongolia's primary resources are its stock-raising prairies, its fur trade, and its mostly unexploited minerals.

The population in July 1989 was 2,125,463. Approximately, 51 percent live in urban areas, nearly 25 percent in Ulaanbaatar. In 1987 population density per square kilometer 1.36; sex ratio 50.1 percent male, 49.9 percent female as of 1986.

## *Incentives*

- Very competitive fees. Low registration tax, low annual tonnage tax, low annual radio tax, no hidden costs, no lawyer's fees, no additional costs to set up owning company.
- No profit tax or capital gain tax or other taxes except those indicated above.
- No restriction on crew nationality.
- All STCW certificates of competency are recognised.
- International safety and pollution prevention standards are applied.
- Easy Service. Accessibility 24 hours a day, quick response time, professional service, certificates issued within the hour
- One-stop service for registration, radio licence, survey, certification, etc.
- Choice of authorised surveyors or classification societies (all IACS members recognised).
- Not subject to requisition as national resources.

## *Eligibility for Registration*

There are no restrictions on the ownership of any ship registered in the Mongolia Ship Registry. Any legal entity capable of owning ships under the law of the country in which it is established or domiciled may be registered as owner.

Any vessel used in navigation, including non-propelled vessels and pleasure yacht may be registered in the Mongolia Ship Registry.

A ship may registered in any of the following manner:

- provisional registration (can be completed using faxed documents);
- post dated provisional registration (to take delivery of a ship in a foreign port);
- permanent registration (where all registration requirements are fulfilled);
- short term registration valid for 3 months (for delivery voyages or registration of title);
- bareboat charter-in registration.

A Mongolia ship may also be bareboat chartered out and registered under another flag for the duration of the charter.

## ***Provisional Registration***

- Submit application;
- Fax the following documents to Mansoc:
  - Declaration of ownership;
  - Accounting Authority. Appointment Letter (for vessels fitted with radio/satellite communications equipment);
- Upon payment of fees, Mansoc issues the provisional certificate of registry, carving and marking (C & M) note, temporary safe manning certificate and temporary radio station licence (as required).

## ***Permanent Registration***

- Send the following documents to the Mansoc:
  - Original copy of the declaration of ownership;
  - Original builder's certificate or bill of sale (which will be returned to the owner) or a notarised copy;
  - Original deletion certificate from the previous registry (if applicable);
  - A copy of the full term tonnage certificate and the certified C & M note;
- Mansoc issues the permanent certificate of registry, safe manning certificate and radio station licence (as required);
- No additional fees are charged for the transfer from provisional to permanent registration, except for any adjustment in the fees due to differences in the final tonnage figures.

## ***Bareboat Charter-in***

- A bareboat charter-in registration is for 2 years, which may be extended upon application. The procedure is as follows:
  - Submit application;
  - Fax the following documents:
    - Certified copy of the charter party;
    - Letter of consent from the Registrar of the original registry of the ship;
    - Remittance details for fees payable;
    - Accounting Authority (for vessels fitted with radio/satellite communications equipment).
  - Registrar confirms application and issues the provisional certificate of registry (bareboat charter), C & M note and the temporary safe manning certificate and temporary radio station licence (as required).
- The provisional registration is valid for 6 months and may be extended for an additional 6 months upon application. The Registrar will transfer the ship to the permanent register upon receipt of the following documents:

- Original certified copy of the charter party;
- Original copy of the letter of consent from the Registrar of the original registry of the ship;
- Certified C & M note.
- The permanent certificate of registry (bareboat charter) will be issued together with the safe manning certificate and radio station licence (as required). No additional fees are charged for the transfer, except for any adjustment in the fees due to differences in the final tonnage figures.
- Mortgages may be recorded in register upon notification by the Registrar of the original registry of the ship.

## ***Bareboat Charter-out***

- A Mongolia ship may be bareboat chartered-out and registered elsewhere and its Mongolia registry temporarily closed (suspended). The procedure is as follows:
  - Fax the following documents:
    - Application for temporary closure;
    - A certified copy of the charter-party;
    - The Mongolia certificate of registry for the ship; and
    - Letter of consent from mortgagee (if any);
  - Pay the fees (including at least 2 year's advance payment of the annual fees);
  - Send the original documents specified above to the Registrar;
- Upon receipt of the original documents and fees, the ship's register will be temporarily closed for two years, which may be extended upon application;
- During the temporary closure of the registry of a Mongolia ship, mortgages may continue to be recorded in the register, and the annual tonnage tax will remain payable.

## ***Special Registration***

- Vessels may be registered for a maximum of 3 months for special navigation purposes such as:
  - Delivery voyage;
  - Voyage for Scrapping; or
  - Transfer to Dockyard;
- The registration automatically expires after 3 months and no deletion certificate is issued;
- All Maritime Safety Regulations must be complied with during the period of special registration.

## ***Seafarer Documents - Endorsements***

An applicant who is eligible in all other respects may be issued a Mongolian's COE, provided the seafarer is currently duly certificated by a foreign government whose certification system is in compliance with the STCW Convention, and is acceptable (IMO's white list) to the Administration. Any foreign certificate presented for the application of a Mongolia's COE will be **authenticated** and **clarified** with the issuing authority of that certificate.

Foreign certificate must be current and valid in all respects, contained the specified STCW Convention endorsement and is not accepted if revoked, expired, altered, illegible or otherwise indicative of non-validity.

An applicant for a Mongolian COE must submit a medical report, certified by a registered doctor recognised by its administration.

All applicants who present, for recognition, certificates issued under the provisions of STCW95 regulations, II/2, III/2, III/3 or VII/1 at the management level must sign for, read and become familiar with the contents of Mongolia Maritime Legislation.

## ***Authorised Classification Societies***

- All IACS members are recognised.