



# GAC Shipping Surveying Capabilities

**Total survey support for ship owners and  
charterers in the Middle East**

You never get prior warning of a maritime incident at sea or in port, and when they occur, an immediate action is required to help reduce your financial exposure. Legal claims and liability issues are complex issues which require handling by competent, technical and experienced professionals.

GAC's in-house surveyors have the expertise, experience and technical know-how to meet the changing demands of the industry whilst providing the best strategies for loss prevention, casualty management and maritime risk.



**Delivering your strategy.**

## GAC's team of experts meets the survey needs of ship owners and charterers throughout the region.

GAC's surveyors based in the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain offer initial guidance in the aftermath of an incident. They investigate the incident, which may require surveying of the vessel, and assist and provide guidance in cases of total loss, salvage, wreck removals, collisions, marine pollution, damage to cargo, hull and machinery damage, slow steaming, bunkers and oil shortage, charter party disputes, seaworthiness, or personal injury. Our surveyors can also offer supervision and leadership for ship-to-ship transfers.

### Vessel condition assessment

Surveys on hull, structure, cargo handling gear, hatch cover arrangements, machinery condition, and operational status of oil tankers, container ships and general cargo vessels are conducted.

Detailed reports are provided, including the statutory status of the vessel and its history. Information about where the survey was conducted, as well as details of the vessel's recent operational history, ports of call, cargoes carried and management / crew, is also given.

### Vessel condition surveys

- AQIS approved surveyor to conduct vessel's Hold cleanliness inspection prior to loading of cargo bound for Australian ports
- Superficial condition inspections for pre-purchase requirements

- Pre / post charter assessments
- Pre-finance inspections
- Condition surveys (exclusively for charterers and terminals)
- Hose test surveys for cargo hold hatch covers
- Cargo hold cleaning supervision and guidance on-board on continuous attendance basis
- Passivation of stainless steel cargo tanks / preparing cargo tanks for loading
- On hire / off hire condition survey
- ULD testing of cargo hold hatch covers

### Cargo surveys

- Bunker Quantity Surveys
- Pre-loading and discharging condition surveys
- Wall wash tests / chemical cargo carriage superintendency
- Break bulk loading / discharging survey
- Specialised cargo - acrylonitrile, strong acids and bases superintendency
- Load-in / load-out and mobilisation of heavy lift and project cargo
- Lashing supervision and certification
- Fitness to load surveys (WWT)
- Project cargo measurement and condition surveys
- Super cargo for RoRo and break-bulk (US Army cargo and General cargo)
- Cargo sampling (petroleum / other cargo)
- Cargo tally, super cargo, cargo expeditors, pre / post shipment steel cargo surveys and other project cargo



### Services

- AQIS surveys
- Vessel condition assessment and surveys
- Cargo surveys
- Claims and investigations
- Ship and shore-based inspections
- Shore tank assessment



### Claims and investigations

- Machinery damages
- Structural failure inspections
- Liquid cargo quantity and quality discrepancy
- Expertise in root cause analysis and investigations into marine accidents including grounding, collisions and/or contact damages to fixed and floating objects
- Marine pollution investigations
- Investigation of contamination claims of various refined oil products, vegetable oils and chemicals in bulk (quantity and quality) for underwriters, charterers and owners
- All types of container / cargo damage inspections (including reefer containers and refrigerated cargoes)

### Ship and shore-based inspections

- Dry-dock preparation, supervision and upgrading vessel's draft, cargo carriage capacity etc.

- Cargo grab capacity testing and certification
- Cargo grab load testing witnessed by class
- Container single voyage certificates
- Container suitability and fitness inspections
- Mooring master / pilot / cargo operations supervisor for ship-to-ship transfer operations involving oil tankers approved by oil majors
- Safety audits and surveys (exclusively for charterers and terminals)
- Bollard pull testing
- Towage approval certification
- Magnetic compass adjustments and deviation cards

### Shore Tank Assessment

- Oil / chemicals / gas
- Pipeline transfer surveys
- P&I surveys
- Cargo sampling (petroleum)
- Laboratory analysis witnessing

# Full range of professional surveying services



## About the GAC Group

GAC Group is a global provider of integrated shipping, logistics and marine services. Emphasising world-class performance, a long-term approach, innovation, ethics and a strong human touch, GAC delivers a flexible and value-adding portfolio to help customers achieve their strategic goals. Established since 1956, GAC employs over 9,000 people in more than 300 offices worldwide.

## The GAC advantage

- AQIS accredited surveyors
- Team of surveyors with vast shore based and marine experience on-board all types of vessels
- Excellent relationships with local authorities and port officials help expedite case handling and minimise Principals' financial exposure
- Excellent in-house surveying proficiency
- Surveyors available 24/7 and at short notice
- Experienced surveyors specialised in liquid cargoes and tanker vessels
- Prompt response and feedback with preliminary findings upon urgent survey nominations

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