

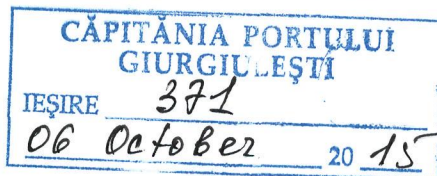
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CIRCULAR LETTER

To: Shipowners / ISM operators / Agents / whom it may concern

Subject: Flag State Inspection of the ships registered in the State Register of Ships of the Republic of Moldova

I. GENERAL

In order to verify the compliance of the provisions of International Conventions and the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Moldova in the field of water transport, Maritime Administration of the Republic of Moldova, since 06 October 2015 starts to conduct Flag State Inspections (hereinafter - FSI) by the authorized Flag State Inspectors (hereinafter - inspector) of the ships registered in the State Register of Ships of the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter - Flag State). All ships registered under the flag of the Republic of Moldova are required to pass the FSI.

II. PROCEDURE

Shipowners/ISM operators/Representative agent must notify beforehand the Flag State and inspectors of the availability and location of their vessels for conducting FSI and to instruct the port agent and crewmembers to cooperate with the inspectors in order to fully achieve the purpose of the FSI program.

Flag State inspectors will be provided with inspection report form, which shall be filled out during the inspection and mailed to the Flag State along with the related photos, as soon as possible. The inspection report form can be completed and signed by FSI inspector only.

Conducting of FSI should not normally interfere with the routine of the ship as much as possible but not limited according to the specific circumstances, if any. Inspector is not authorized to detain the vessel but shall immediately report to Flag State any serious deficiency, which may affect to safety or marine pollution environments prevention capability.

However, Shipowners/ ISM operators/ Representative may request the Flag State and inspector to be performed at a particular port and time convenient to ship schedule, operations, repairs. The request will be given discretionary for approval by the Flag State.

III. PURPOSE OF THE FLAG STATE INSPECTION PROGRAMM

Present FSI program is conducted with the matter are follow:

- To increase the level of the safety and prevention of environment pollution.
- To reduce the numbers of ships detentions by Port State Control of Parish MOU.
- To reduce the numbers of ships detentions by Port State Control of Mediterranean MOU.
- To reduce the numbers of ships detentions by Port State Control of Black Sea MOU.
- Reduce the risk of present a substandard ships which are not comply with provisions of International Conventions and any requirements of national legislation the Flag State

- To detect major non-conformities of the ship with the provisions of International Conventions and the requirements of national legislation.
- To investigate quality and level of the controls from the side of Recognized Organization for the compliance of the ships with provisions of International Conventions and requirements of national legislation of the Flag State.

IV. TYPES OF FLAG STATE INSPECTIONS

Initial Inspection of the ships (Provisional registration):

- During the valid Provisional registration (but in a period not exceeding 3 months from the date of registration) all ships should pass FSI on which result will basis the decision to accept a ship for proceeding with Permanent registration or refuse with follow cancellation/suspension/deregistration from Flag State

Annual Inspection of the ships:

Annual inspection should be carried out during the Permanent registration in the Flag State of the Republic of Moldova, but not exceed one year.

On the basis of the FSI report results the Flag State provides with a list of deficiencies with required term for the rectifications of the deficiencies (if any) to the Shipowners / ISM operator / Representative and Recognized Organization. Deficiency rectification report with implemented action performed by ship's ISM operator with present to the address of Flag State with follow verification by Recognized Organization, if necessary. Flag State reserves the right to request the conducting of the re-inspection basing on the summary scope of available deficiency with a matter of properly deficiency rectification and follow purpose of FSI program.

Re-Inspection of the ships:

During the Provisional or Permanent registration condition of ships registered in the Flag State the re-inspections can be requested by the Flag State in the following cases:

- An accident or incident cases with happened with a ship;
- Any kind of collision, grounding, or other marine events;
- Detention of the ship in the one of the ports of Paris MOU area;
- Two or more detentions in the ports of other then Paris MOU area during the one calendar year;
- Getting of information about major non-conformity of the ship with provisions of International conventions and requirements of national legislation of the Flag State;
- Banning of a ship to enter the ports of the Paris MOU area;
- Available major non-conformities detected in result of any Port State Control;
- With a matter to verify the properly rectification of deficiencies detected during previous FSI;

V. RELATED ACTION

In case if there are major non conformities to the provisions of International Conventions and requirements of national legislation, the Flag State has a right to consider a ship as substandard and take actions to cancellation/suspension/deregistration of ship with information to Port Authorities/Recognized Organizations/Shipowners/ISM operators/ Representative and other concerned parties.

In case if a ships didn't pass FSI on estimated terms but not exceed one year, Flag State has a right to consider a ship as substandard and take appropriate actions.

It is important to follow these procedures at all times. Inspectors may also be requested by the Flag State conduct any specific inspections relater to specific circumstances.

VI. FEES AND EXPENCESS

All the inspector's fees include travelling, accommodation, etc. expenses related to conduct FSI must be fully paid in advance directly to inspector's company by Shipowner /ISM operators/ Representative. Any escape from payment inspector's fees and expenses, timely executing outstanding of obligations, guaranty's given to the inspector by e-mail or fax will be affect to suspend issue any document from Flag State for subject ships and shipowners

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