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MARINE NOTICE 001/2025

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Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors, Shipowners, Ship operator, Managing Companies

Subject: PSC DETENTION(S) DECREASE POLICY.

1. Purpose.

The purpose of present Marine Notice is to avoid re-occurrence of deficiencies, which have risk to be raised as detainable deficiency during next inspection and as a result decrease possibility of detention of VRS classed/certificated vessels and to maintain position at Medium Performance Level of PRISMOU. Present Marine Notice is aiming to notify the Ship-Owner/Manager regarding the most often raised deficiencies by PSC Officer(s) at different MOUs and decrease detention rate for 2025.

2. Introduction.

The total number of PSC inspections starting for the second half of 2024 have been increased in comparing with same period for 2023. Port State Control of different Memorandums of Understanding were conducting the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreements (MLC, 2006) between the period 01.09.2024 – 30.11.2024 and all VRS vessel have been found in compliance to Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreements (MLC, 2006).

Kindly find below most often raised deficiencies by PSC of PARISMOU during the second half of 2024 year. Kindly find details of deficiency:

| Code | Deficiencies in details | Regulation | Action to avoid re-occurrence |
|-------|---|------------------------|---|
| 04106 | Emergency Steering Position / Compass reading. (Gyro repeater or other arrangement for supply compass reading is missing at emergency string gear room. | SOLAS CH. V | Ship Officers have to test all emergency arrangements time to time/as per SMS/before entry in any port and in case of problems report to Master. If impossible to repair by crew, immediately report to Management in order to repair it at nearest port. |
| 11000 | Lifesaving Appliances (life boats, rescue boats, arrangements etc.) | SOLAS, Ch. III | Life saving equipment and arrangements should be inspected by crew members and maintained as per SMS. The approved service company should be invited on board for maintenance, testing and repair in case of necessity |
| 01218 | Crew Medical Certificates | STCW Convention & Code | The Master shall check the validity of the crew certificates time to time. In case of expiration of Medical certificate, the proper Medical Examination should be arranged by Company at the first port of entry of the vessel. |
| 01214 | Crew Endorsements | STCW Convention & Code | The Master shall check the validity of the crew endorsements time to time. In case of expiration of Certificate of |



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| | | | Endorsement the management company should be informed in order to make proper arrangements from the Flag State. |
| 07000 | Fire-fighting equipment and arrangements | SOLAS, CH. II-2 | Fire-fighting equipment and arrangements should be inspected by crew members and maintained as per SMS. The approved service company should be invited on board for maintenance, testing and repair in case of necessity. |
| 11119 | Immersion suits (missing in to the position) | SOLAS, CH. III | The Chief Office shall inspect all lifesaving appliance for proper maintenance and stowage. In case of necessity the proper maintenance should be performed by crew members. |
| 07111 07112 | Personal Equipment for fire safety (Breathing Apparatus, EEBD, portable two-way VHF). | SOLAS, CH. II-2 | Should be inspected by crew members and maintained as per SMS. The approved service company should be invited on board for maintenance, testing and repair in case of necessity. |
| 10123 | International Code of Signals | SOLAS, Ch. V | The Master shall inform the management company in order to deliver the all necessary publication on board of the vessel. The Company DPA is responsible for proper arrangements of delivery of updated publications on board. |
| 07125 | Evaluation of crew performance (Fire Drill) | SOLAS, CH. II | The proper training/drills should be performed by ship Master, as per Schedule of drills. During attending vessel by DPA the additional training and exercises should be conducted. |
| 15150 | ISM External audit to be carried out by Flag Administration | SOLAS, CH. IX. ISM Code, Reg. 12 | After the additional ISM External audit performed by flag State representative, an Internal audit by DPA to be carried out within 3 months. |
| 18000 | Labor conditions on board (several deficiencies under different Codes raised) | MLC 2006 | The Master should inspect the Labor conditions on board of the vessel. In case of necessity the proper supply should be ordered for the vessel. |

During 2024 year VRS Classed/certificated vessels most often raised deficiencies under the MEDMOU and BSMOU are listed below:

| Code | Deficiencies in details | Regulation | Action to avoid re-occurrence |
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| 01310 | Propulsion Main engine and Auxiliary engine. | SOLAS, CH. II-1 | The proper maintenance of Engines and its equipment should be performed by Engineering Department. In case of necessity the spare parts should be arranged by the Company and workshop invited on board for repair / testing / maintenance. |



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| 01610 | Security measures and drills | ISPS Code. | The proper training/drills should be performed by ship Master, as per Schedule of drills. During attending vessel by DPA the additional training and exercises should be conducted. The proper implementation of security measures on board should be checked by SSO. |
| 10104 | Lights, shapes, sound signals | COLREG | Should be inspected by crew members and maintained as per SMS. The approved Electrical company should be invited on board for repair in case of necessity. |
| 02131 | Decks - constructions, accommodation plates holed / crane platform damaged. | SOLAS, CH. II-I | To be maintained by crew member during voyages. UTM should be performed and If corrosion is deep Work shop should be invited on board for permanent repair works. |

The most of often raised category of deficiencies by Port State control during 2024 are mentioned below:

- *Safety of Navigation;*
- *Health protection/ Medical care / Social Security;*
- *Fire Safety;*
- *Certificates and documents;*
- *Accommodation / recreational facilities / food and catering.*

3. Action Requested.

When the vessel is entering the port, she should be ready for PSC inspection at all times. The Master together with Chief Officer and Chief Engineer should complete PSC check List "On board maintenance check list" before arrival at the port. If some Items are not in compliance it should be indicted as NO in the Check List and the Corrective Actions should be done accordingly by crew members in cooperation with Owners, Manager and in case of necessity with our Classification Society.

When vessel is in PRIORITY I of PSC inspection, the Veritas Register of Shipping Ltd. surveyor is nominated for assistance to Ship's master for preparation of the vessel for PSC inspection. Surveyor should inspect the vessel as per Check list. If the Check list was not filled by the Master, during attendance on board surveyor together with the crew should follow and complete check list accordingly. If during survey some items, which are mentioned as YES in the check list, by surveyor's opinion is/are not satisfactory, check list should be corrected as NO and surveyor should issue Notice of Recommendation. The Corrective Actions should be conducted in due time.

Properly filled Check List must be provided to Veritas Register of Shipping Ltd. Head Office upon completion.

Attachment - PSC Checklist "On Board Maintenance Check List"

Kindly be guided accordingly.
Yours faithfully.

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