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As it is known that, Turkish flag vessels has succeeded to enter white list of Paris MOU in 2008 and in order to maintain this success, our under secretariat is giving highest performance together with maritime sector.

Most of the deficiencies which are found during the port state inspections of Turkish flag vessels are related with insufficient implementations of ISM Code. For that reason, additional audits are being carried out by ROs to the detained vessels at PSC inspections and their management companies. Also, we have circulated our regulation about ISM Code for Turkish vessels on the formal newspaper (ref.no.27389, 27.10.2009 dated) and entered in force at the same date.

With this regard, management companies should obey to following criteria when assigning the DPA.

- 1- Should have sufficient knowledge and experience about ISM matters, should have ability to carry out internal audit by himself (alone) and to prove his/her education to the Administration.
- 2- Should have sufficient level of Maritime English
- 3- A) should have minimum 3 years experience at ship management or technical operations and prove it to the Administration or,
B) Should have minimum 2 years onboard experience as a deck officer or marine engineer and to prove this to the administration or,
C) Should have worked minimum 3 years as an assistant of DPA

In order to prevent faults, Ship management companies should provided assistant of DPA depending on their size of fleet and they should comply to above mentioned item (1) & (2).

At the time DPA change, Ship Management Company should notice the Administration in 1 month advance and if new DPA is out the company, both DPA should work together minimum 15 working days.

Ship management companies should provide DPAs complying to the above mentioned criteria until 1 September 2010.

Kindly be informed and act accordingly,

Best Regards,

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