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To: DEPUTY REGISTRARS, SHIP OWNERS, ISM OPERATORS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS,  
SHIPPING AGENTS, GENERAL SAFETY INSPECTORS

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Reference: Port State Control Analysis and Self-Inspection Program.

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## 1. REFERENCE

- 1.1 Merchant Shipping Notice 0030- Guidelines to Owners/ISM Operators & Master on Port State Control Inspections
- 1.2 Merchant Shipping Notice 0033- Minimizing the Risk of Port State Control Detention.
- 1.3 All Memorandum of Understanding (Paris, Tokyo, Black Sea, Mediterranean, etc.)

## 2. PURPOSE

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) with the aim to minimize the number of detentions incurred by our Fleet in all MOUs would want to provide Owners, Operators and master's with key information that can be used as a tool to prevent deficiencies and/or detentions.

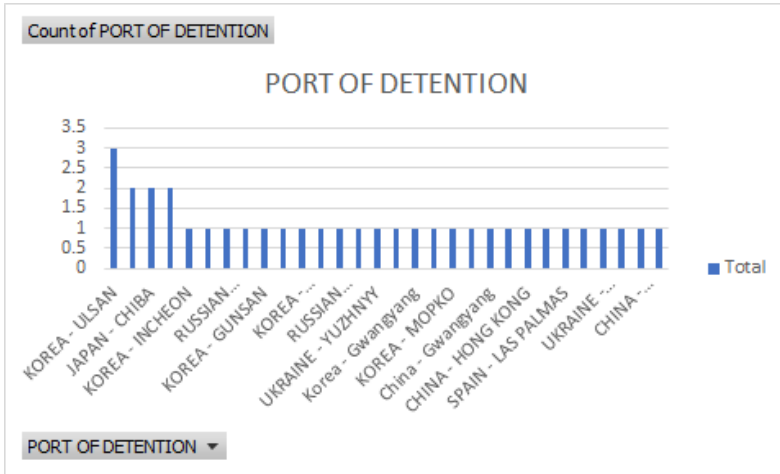
IMMARBE is also committed to assist Owners, Operators and Master's to improve the current condition of the vessel by implementing a Self-Inspection Program.

## 3. CONTENT

3.1 The following table will give you exact information regarding the ports with more than one detention where special attention when calling these ports should be taken:

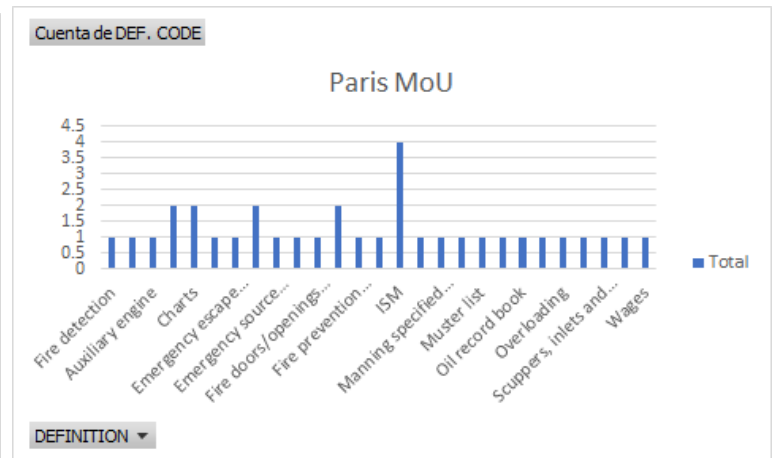
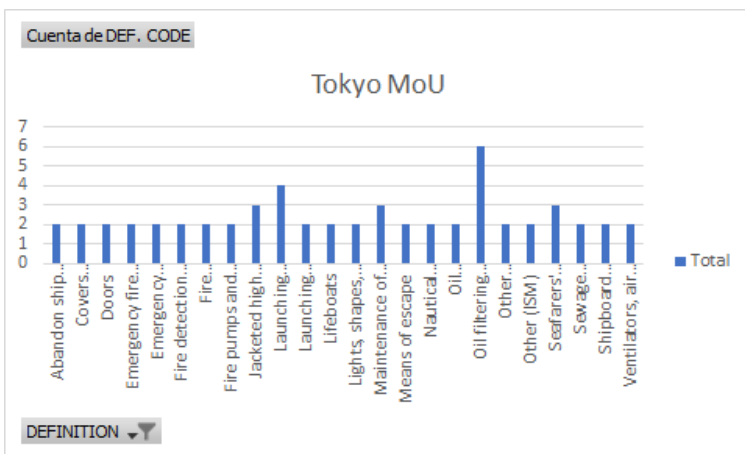


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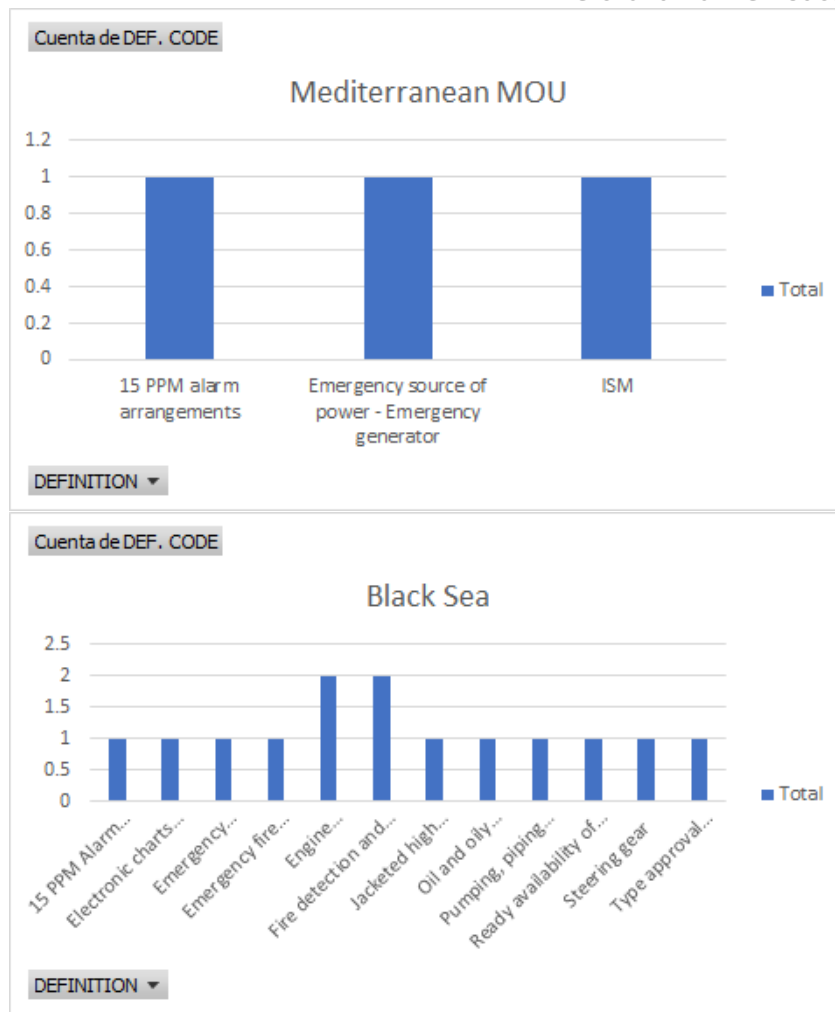
PORT OF DETENTION	MoU	NUMBER OF DETENTION
KOREA - ULSAN	Tokyo	3 DETENTION
RUSSIAN FEDERATION - NOVOROSSISK	Tokyo	2 DETENTION
JAPAN - CHIBA	Tokyo	2 DETENTION
JAPAN - NIIGATA	Tokyo	2 DETENTION
KOREA - INCHEON	Tokyo	1 DETENTION
RUSSIAN FEDERATION - NAKHODKA	Tokyo	1 DETENTION
CHINA - NANTONG	Tokyo	1 DETENTION

3.2 The following tables provide information regarding the most common deficiencies on ground for detentions per MOUs. Special attentions to these deficiencies should be taken:





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#### 4. Self-Inspection Program

The Technical Department of IMMARBEL has developed a checklist (Annex I) highlighting all necessary items in order to confirm compliance with international and national requirements.

This checklist is to be used as an instrument to self-inspect Belize Flagged Vessels by its Master(s) allowing the prompt identification of deficiencies and their rectification prior to a Port State Control Inspection is performed.

It is also aimed to minimize the number of deficiencies found by a Port State Control Officer and finally to mitigate the possibility of having the vessel detained by a Port State Control Authority.



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Deficiencies identified and reported by the Master will not be considered as a non-compliance; on the contrary, the identification of deficiencies will allow IMMARBE to assist in the proper rectification and closing of these deficiencies.

The Self-Inspection Checklist must be submitted to IMMARBE's Technical Department on monthly basis and within the first 5 days of each month except for those vessels found by a Port State Control Officer with 7 or more deficiencies. All vessels found with 7 or more deficiencies will be included in a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) for non-compliant vessels.

This Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) will require the submission of the Self-Inspection Checklist twice a month for a period of 90 days. Vessels included in the Performance Improvement Plan must perform the first submission during the first 5 days and the second on the 15th of each month.

IMMARBE assures that a proper enforcement of the Self-Inspection Checklist onboard Belize flagged vessels will definitely reduce the amount of detentions; and the Owners, Operators and master's will be confident that their vessels will be in good national and international standards.

## **5. Action Required from Owners, ISM Operators, Masters, General Safety Inspectors and Recognized Organizations.**

5.1 All Owners, ISM Operators and master's are required to take note on those ports with the most detentions as well with the most common deficiencies found onboard for proper actions as deemed necessary.

5.2 All Owners and ISM Operators must instruct their Masters onboard Belize Flagged Vessel to submit the self-inspection checklist along with a photo report showing the condition of specific areas of the vessel as determined by the Administration. This notice along with the photo report shall be submitted to IMMARBE's Technical Department (Eng. Eduardo Simon ([technicalofficer@immarbe.com](mailto:technicalofficer@immarbe.com)), Mr. Anique Sabal ([technicalofficer2@immarbe.com](mailto:technicalofficer2@immarbe.com)) and Ms. Sharon Escalante ([techsupport@immarbe.com](mailto:techsupport@immarbe.com))). The information contained in the Self-Inspection Checklist must be verified and confirmed by the Designated Person Ashore (DPA).

5.3 Annual Flag Inspections to be carried by General Safety Inspectors from the date of effect of this notice shall ensure the verification of evidences of the submission of the self-inspection checklist to IMMARBE. Lack of evidence shall be considered as a deficiency due to non-compliance with Flag State Requirements.

5.4 Mandatory Surveys to be carried by a Recognized Organization from the date of effect of this notice shall ensure the verification of evidences of the submission of the self-inspection

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## 6. Offences

6.1 Any Owner, ISM Operator or Master who disregards the provisions contained in this Merchant Shipping Notice can encounter disciplinary actions.

6.2 Any inaccurate information contained in the Self-Inspection Checklist will be considered as a False Statement and disciplinary actions can be considered  
The above is in accordance with our Statutory Instrument No. 56 of 1999, Registration of Merchant Ships Disciplinary Regulations 1999.

## 7. Date of Implementation

This Merchant Marine Notice is to be brought to the attention of Owners/ISM Operators, Masters and Seafarers and be implemented forthwith

Finally, if you have any queries or suggestions for the reduction of PSC deficiencies/detentions, kindly do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, we look to you to ensure that your vessels are in all respect compliant at all times, in the interest of the safety of your crew, cargo/passengers and the environment as well as the reputation of your vessel, its Owners/Operators and that of our Administration.

Look forward for your cooperation and assistance.

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