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Directorate General for Regulation of Maritime Affairs and Inland Waters

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Subject: Actions to be taken for the ships being detained

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Re:

- a) Our letter dated 02/03/2006 with issue number of 1564
- b) Our letter dated 11/01/2012 with issue number of 832 to Authorized Classification Societies
- c) Our letter dated 19/12/2014 with issue number of 69210

In order to prevent further detention of Turkish flagged ships at foreign ports during Port State Controls (PSC), the following procedures and principles shall be adopted instead of the practice mentioned in our letter (c) for the ships being detained after a PSC inspection

1. The Authorized Organization, which has issued the Document of Compliance (DOC), shall perform an additional Company (DOC) audit for the Managing Company within maximum 1 month following the date of detention.
2. In line with our letter (b), the relevant classification society shall perform an unscheduled survey for the ship within maximum 3 months following the date of detention.
3. During PSC inspection , if a detainable deficiency related to the International Safety Management Code (ISM Code) (ISM-Code related Deficiency) is found, the Authorized Organization which has issued the Safety Management Certificate of the ship, shall perform an additional SMC Audit for the ship within maximum 3 months following the date of detention. Any additional SMC Audit being conducted at the request of the PSC officer after the detention , shall be regarded in this scope in order to prevent repeated audits.
4. For the ships being detained on PSC inspections , within the scope of our letter (a), the Flag State inspectors of Turkish Flag Administration shall carry out a unscheduled inspection onboard at ship's first call to a Turkish Port .
5. Authorized Organizations shall place order and follow-up all necessary jobs and transactions for the aforementioned audits / surveys to the ships being detained as a result of PSC inspection without waiting for additional written instruction from our Ministry . Furthermore, Authorized Organizations shall always monitor the PSC Memoranda (data) related to the Turkish flagged ships under their class and/or SMC registration .
6. Surveys/audits related to the detention for the ships having direct certification by our Ministry, shall be performed through the Authorized Organization to be authorized by Istanbul Harbour Master- Ship Survey Department (case by case)

7. Copies of the reports to the aforementioned audits / surveys being prepared by the Authorized Organizations shall be immediately forwarded to the Directorate General for Regulation of Maritime and Inland Waters by both ordinary post and e-mail (psc@udhb.gov.tr).

Within this framework, in case of detention, if ship owners/operators, seafarers or certifying organizations are found to be negligent, extensive inspections and investigations shall be conducted by our Ministry. Considering the importance of the subject matter, all stakeholders including authorized organizations have to pay strict attention to their responsibilities during ship surveys / audits .

Besides, it is of great importance to record by taking photo for each deficiency being found during PSC. In case of any problem that may be encountered during PSC , please immediately contact with the Directorate General for Regulation of Maritime and Inland Waters - Ship Survey Department .

Kindly be informed and act accordingly ,

On behalf of the Minister
Deputy Undersecretary
Ahmet Selçuk SERT
(e-signature)

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