

Subject :

**PSC Focused Inspection Program
to be conducted by AMSA
(The fourth stage)**

NKTECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Ship Owners and Ship Management Companies concerned

Please be kindly informed of the followings in relation to the recent status of the Port State Control (PSC) undertaken by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). The ship owners and ship management companies managing ships entering Australian ports are requested to pay due attention especially to routine maintenance of the relevant equipment and to management of personnel onboard.

As informed in NK Technical Information No. 412 of 26 July 2001, the focused inspection regime has been implemented by AMSA in addition to their usual PSC activities. According to the Marine Notice 12/2001 attached hereto, the areas at the third part of the program, which started on 1 December 2001 and will run to 31 March 2002, are **Cargo management relating to SOLAS, Chapter VI and VII.**

(Note) "AMSA Marine Notice" web site : http://www.amsa.gov.au/amsa/mn/mn_index.htm

Attachments: AMSA Marine Notice 12/2001

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MARINE NOTICE

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PORT STATE CONTROL – FOCUSED INSPECTION REGIME

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to the next stage of the implementation of the enhanced inspection regime to be conducted within the current Port State Control framework and during unscheduled visits. The purpose of this program is to focus on six specific areas of the subject vessels operation, which have been identified by AMSA as requiring special attention.

This program will run for two years and commenced at the beginning of December 2000. The focus of the enhanced inspection program changes every four months allowing the six areas to be addressed over the two year life of the program. It should be noted that this focus on specific areas will not detract from the normal coverage AMSA's Port State Control activities.

In order to ensure adequate coverage it is also planned that inspections concentrating on the selected area of interest alone will be conducted in addition to AMSA's programmed Port State Control inspections. These will take the form of unscheduled visits at a time to be determined by the local AMSA offices.

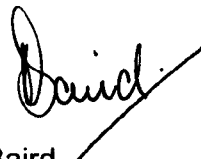
As a result of problems identified during routine PSC inspections and noting the recent Concentrated Inspection Campaign by the Paris MOU on cargo operations the fourth focused inspection program will examine cargo

management. This campaign will be divided in to two general areas - general/container and dry bulk, and will examine aspects of cargo management relating to SOLAS:

- i. Chapter VI – Carriage of Cargoes; and
- ii. Chapter VII – Carriage of Dangerous Goods.

It is considered that bulk liquids are already adequately addressed in the integral tanker surveillance program combined with the PSC inspection combined with the increased frequency of inspections for tankers.

Where deficiencies are noted during the focused inspection the ship will be required to take appropriate rectification action, as is the case with normal Port State Controls activities. As such should a deficiency be found which warrants detention the vessel will be detained until such stage as rectification action has been completed. This fourth part of the program will start on 1 December 2001 and run to 31 March 2002.



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