

Subject

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

# ClassNK Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

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.

The focused inspection campaign has been implemented by AMSA in addition to their usual PSC activities. According to the Marine Notice 16/2002 attached hereto, the area at the sixth part of the program, which will start on 1 August 2002 and run to 30 November 2002, is **Full compliance with STCW 95**, specifically:

1. The originals of all certificates are available onboard
2. Certificate endorsements are in the correct format
3. All persons performing GMDSS radio duties are appropriately qualified
4. Tanker and passenger ship crew hold appropriate endorsements; and/or documentary evidence of training; and
5. The arrangements of watch schedules and rest periods.

(Note) "AMSA Marine Notice" website: [http://www.amsa.gov.au/amsa/mn/mn\\_2002.htm](http://www.amsa.gov.au/amsa/mn/mn_2002.htm)

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1. AMSA Marine Notice 16/2002

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# MARINE NOTICE

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## PORT STATE CONTROL – FOCUSED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to the implementation of the sixth stage of the focused inspection program. The purpose of the program is to focus on six specific areas of vessel operations, which have been identified by AMSA as requiring special attention.

This program commenced in December 2000 and will run until end of November 2002. The focus of this enhanced inspection program has changed every four months allowing six areas to be addressed.

In order to ensure adequate coverage, inspections concentrating on the selected area of interest alone will be conducted in addition to programmed Port State Control inspections. These will take the form of unscheduled visits at a time to be determined by the local AMSA office.

The sixth focused inspection, commencing 1 August 2002, will address full compliance with STCW 95.

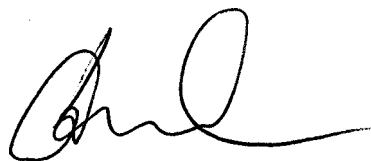
**Compliance with STCW 95:** New requirements for mandatory training and certification of officers and ratings came into force from 1 February 2002. However a period of grace was applied until 31 July 2002.

IMO Circular STCW.7/Circ 12, issued 25 January 2002 by the Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping, noted delays to full implementation of the STCW convention. The IMO circular recommended that until 1 August 2002, a letter of warning be issued to Masters for vessels not able to fully comply with those STCW 95 requirements.

As from 1 August 2002, full compliance to the requirements of the STCW 95 Convention is to be examined with reference to the following:

- the originals of all certificates are available on board
- certificate endorsements are in the correct format
- all persons performing GMDSS radio duties are appropriately qualified
- tanker and passenger ship crew hold appropriate endorsements; and/or documentary evidence of training; and
- the arrangements of watch schedules and rest periods.

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 Control activities. If the deficiency cannot be rectified, the vessel will be detained until rectification action has been taken. The sixth part of the Focused Inspection Program will run from 1 August 2002 until 30 November 2002.



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