



Merchant Marine Notice MMN-19-006r3

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

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 Masters 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 Masters to improve the current condition of the vessel by implementing a Self-Inspection Program.

3. CONTENT

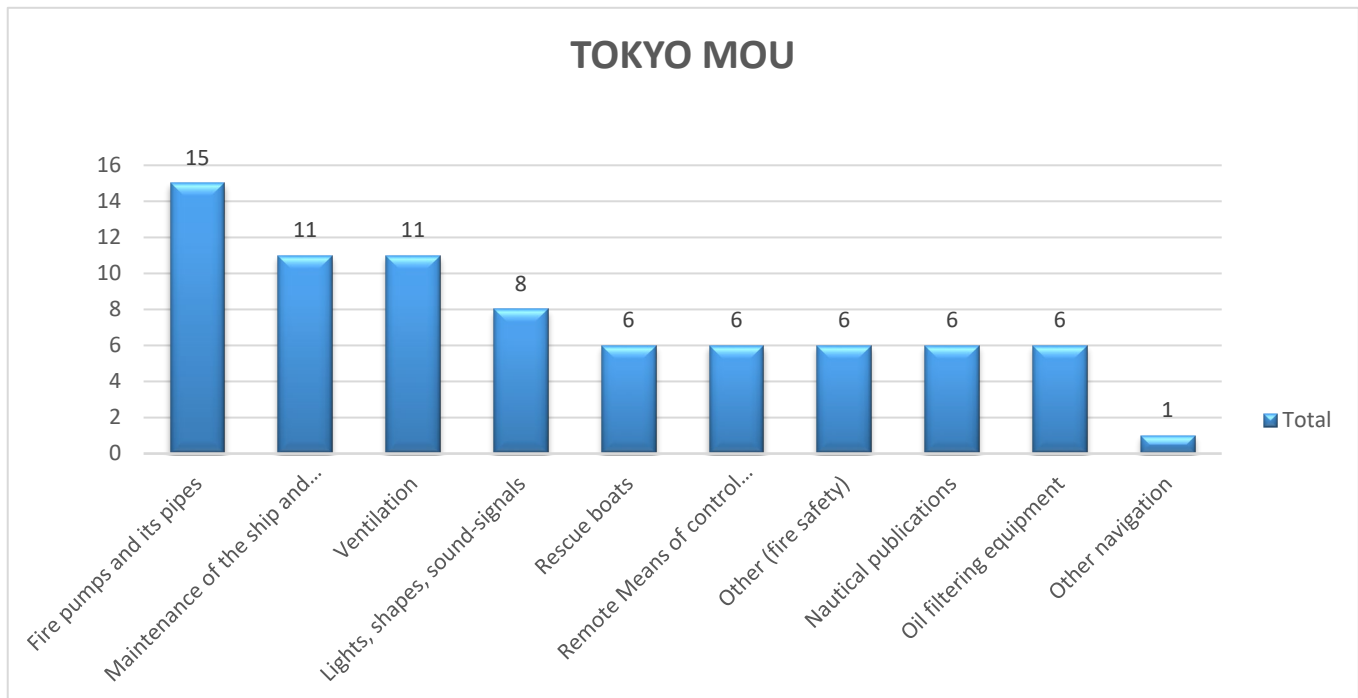
- 3.1 The following table will provide exact information regarding the ports with more than one detention where special attention should be taken when calling these ports:
- 3.2 The Belize Maritime Administration take this opportunity to highlight our Memo No. TDM002-2022 which advise the avoidance of the Russian Port of Nakhodka.

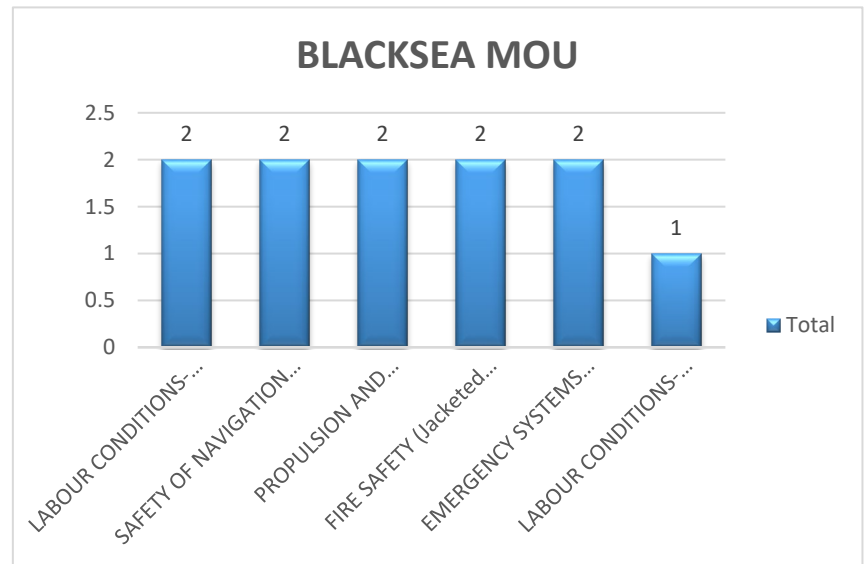
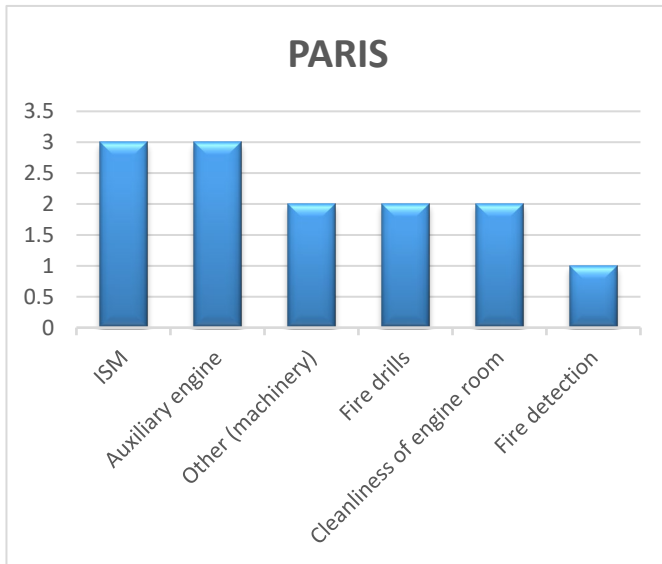
PORTS WITH THE MOST DETENTIONS	COUNT OF DETENTION
Russian Federation-Nakhodka	16
China-Shanghai	6
Russian Federation-Novorossiisk	5



Korea, Republic of-Pyeongtaek	3
Korea, Republic of-Incheon	3
Japan-Yokohama	2
Korea, Republic of-Gwangyang	2
Korea, Republic of-Masan	2
Korea, Republic of-Gunsan	2

3.3 The following tables provide information regarding the most common detainable deficiencies by MOU. Special attention to these deficiencies should be taken.





4. Self-Inspection Program

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

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

The Self-Inspection Checklist must be submitted to IMMARBE's Technical Department within the first 5 days of each month for all vessel's operating in the Tokyo MoU. Vessels operating outside of the Tokyo MoU (Paris, Black Sea, Mediterranean and Indian MoU) shall submit their self-inspection report by the 15th of each month.

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

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 assuredly reduce the number 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 masters 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 master's onboard Belize Flagged Vessel to submit the self-inspection checklist and crew list as requested by this notice to IMMARBE Technical Department inspections@immarbe.com. The information contained in the Self-Inspection Checklist and Crew list 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 evidence 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 evidence 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.

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 always in all respect compliant, 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.

The Notice was issued in Belize city, Belize: 17 January 2023

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