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1) Introduction:

- a) The prime responsibility of the Flag state is to have in place an adequate and effective system to exercise control over ships entitled to fly its flag, and to ensure that they comply with relevant international rules and regulations in respect of maritime safety, security and protection of the marine environment.
- b) The IMO III Code which entered into force on 1 January 2015, require that the Flag state should periodically evaluate the performance of vessel plying its flag and the measures to be used for this evaluation may include port State control detention rates, flag State inspection results, casualty statistics, communication and information processes, annual loss statistics and other performance indicators as may be appropriate.
- c) Further, when a flag State is informed that a ship entitled to fly its flag has been detained by a port State, the flag State should oversee that appropriate corrective measures are taken to bring the ship in question into immediate compliance with the applicable international instruments.
- d) Recognizing that poor performance of Indian Flag vessels in various MOU's will lead to increased frequency of inspections of all Indian Flag vessels. Hence, it is obligatory to have an effective control over Indian Flag vessels to prevent detentions. The effective control requires information, collection of data and analysis resulting in a corrective and preventive action that is acceptable to all stakeholders.
- e) Noting that in the past many circulars have been issued giving varying requirements with regard to reporting of port state inspections of Indian Flag Vessels.