



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: St. Kitts and Nevis – Vessel Inspection Scheme.

- St. Kitts and Nevis Maritime Administration vide Maritime Circular No. 86 of 2018 (copy attached) has advised regarding the implementation of a mandatory annual Vessel Inspection Scheme for the following vessels wef 01 January 2019.
 - Vessels of 30 years and over and trading within Paris Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
 - Vessels which have been detained within the last 12 months, irrespective of the PSC MoU.
 - Vessels which have been detained twice (2) within the last 24 months, irrespective of the previous Flag State.
 - Vessels which intend to call within Paris MoU having not entered within the last 12 months.
- Under this scheme, an occasional inspection will be carried out by the Administration, 5-7 months after the last annual survey carried out by the Recognised Organization.
- An example of the inspection planning:

RO ANNUAL SURVEY												RO ANNUAL SURVEY
M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M1
					FLAG STATE INSPECTION							

- Failure to present a ship for the required annual inspection may result in penalty action by the Administration.
- If a Flag Inspector is not available to attend the vessel, the Administration will accept an Occasional Survey carried out by the Recognised Organization. In such cases, the Recognised Organization must forward the attending surveyors report within 3 working days of the survey taking place.
- Above annual inspection will cover all applicable regulations to the vessel. During the inspection, if deficiencies are noted that are classed as ISM related and, in the inspector's professional opinion, implementation of ISM is not effective onboard, an additional Safety Management Certificate (SMC) audit by the RO may be required. In the case of serious deficiencies, an additional Document of Compliance (DOC) audit of the ship owner or ship manager may also be required.
- As part of this scheme, Flag State inspectors will grade the vessels condition and ship Operator/ Crew performance during the inspections. Grades will be very Good, Good, Satisfactory and Poor.
- Vessels which have 2 inspections graded as Good or higher will be subject to an increased inspection window of **16 months**. However, if a vessel is detained during an expanded window, upon review of the PSC Detention report, it will return to the normal Vessel Inspection Scheme window.
- Ship owners/ operators and Masters of St. Kitts and Nevis flagged vessels are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. St. Kitts and Nevis – Maritime Circular No. MC 86 18, dated 14/12/2018

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