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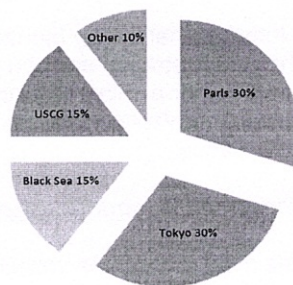
Applicable to: This FLEET / SAFETY LETTER should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships, and Recognized Organizations.

***Additional Flag State Statutory Survey***

1. Upon review of the Port State Control (PSC) statistics for the Vanuatu International Ship Registry for the year 2018, it has been determined that:

- 1a. the number of detentions increased compared to 2017;
- 1b. All vessels detained are cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and above;
- 1c. 90% of the vessels detained are older than 15 years of age; and
- 1d. the majority of the detentions occurred in four (4) of the major PSC regimes.

**Percentage of Detentions by PSC Regime in 2018**



2. In an effort to reduce the number of detentions, beginning on **1 March 2019**, cargo ships\* of 500 gross tonnage and above older than 15 years old visiting any ports within the Paris, Tokyo or Black Sea PSC MoUs or the United States, are required to hold a Statement of Fact confirming the completion of an Additional Flag State Statutory Survey (*Additional Survey*) prior to visiting any of such ports.

\*For the purpose of this Fleet Safety Letter, cargo ships are those which contain any of the following descriptions under "SERVICE" as identified on the Certificate of Registry: *BULK CARRIER, DRY CARGO, CONTAINER, REEFER, GENERAL CARGO, MULTI-PURPOSE CARGO, REFRIGERATED CARGO, RO RO, and SUPPLY.*

2a. The Statement shall be issued upon satisfactory completion of the *Additional Survey* which shall be equivalent in scope to annual surveys of the following certificates:

- Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (SOLAS)
- Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (SOLAS)
- International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificates (MARPOL Annex I)
- International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (MARPOL Annex VI)
- International Load Line Certificate (Load Line)

