



Technical Circular

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Subject: IMMARBE Merchant Marine Notice MMN-19-006 Reg Port State Control Analysis and Self-Inspection Program

- Belize Flag Administration with an aim to minimize the number of detentions of Belize flagged vessels has implemented a Self-Inspection Program vide Merchant Marine Notice MMN-19-006 (copy attached).
- As a part of Self-Inspection Program, the Administration has developed a checklist highlighting all necessary items in order to confirm compliance with international and national requirements.
- The checklist is to be used as an instrument to self-inspect Belize flagged vessels by its Masters allowing the prompt identification of deficiencies and their rectification prior to a Port State Control Inspection. It is also aimed to minimize the number of deficiencies found by a Port State Control Officer and to mitigate the possibility of vessel detention by a Port State Control (PSC)) Authority.
- The Self-Inspection Checklist must be submitted to Administration's Technical Department on **monthly basis** and within the first 5 days of each month except for those vessels identified with 7 or more PSC deficiencies.
- All vessels found with 7 or more PSC deficiencies will be included in a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). These vessels will be required to submit the Self-Inspection Checklist **twice a month for a period of 90 days**. First submission is to be done during the first 5 days and the second on the 15th of each month.
- Self-Inspection Checklist as above, duly verified and confirmed by the Designated Person Ashore (DPA) is to be submitted to the Administration's Technical Department (Eng. Eduardo Simon (technicalofficer@immarbe.com), Mr. Anique Sabal (technicalofficer2@immarbe.com) and Ms. Sharon Escalante (techsupport@immarbe.com)).
- Evidences of submission of the Self-Inspection Checklist will be verified during Annual Flag State Inspections and during surveys/ audits by surveyors of Recognized Organizations. Lack of evidence will be considered as a deficiency due to non-compliance with Flag State requirements.

- Ship owners/ operators and masters of Belize flagged vessels are advised to be guided by above and are advised to use the information provided in the attached Notice regarding the ports with more than one detention and information regarding the most common deficiencies on ground for detentions per MOUs as a tool to prevent deficiencies and/or detentions.

Enclosure:

- IMMARBE Merchant Marine Notice MMN-19-006.

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