



Merchant Marine **Notice**

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General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

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AMSA - PLANNED MAINTENANCE ON SHIPS

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Notice is to communicate to Ship-owners/Operators, Legal Representative of Panama Flag Vessels; Panama Merchant Marine Recognized Organizations (ROs), the AMSA's current focus on planned maintenance during Port State Control inspections.
2. During Port State Control inspections, AMSA will place a greater focus on planned maintenance of propulsion and auxiliary equipment and associated systems and will take necessary compliance actions to address any identified areas of concern. This may include the physical attendance of classification society surveyors to verify the condition of critical equipment and its suitability to continue to function under all voyage conditions to maintain safe operations.
3. Ship-owners/Operators should note that this is not a Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) or Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) of limited duration. It is a sustained focus on an identified area of concern that is part of AMSA's data driven and risk-based approach to AMSA PSC inspection regime.

The ISM Code makes it clear that the ship operator (the "Company") is responsible for ensuring the safe and pollution-free operation of the ship. In particular, the Company is required to ensure that the ship's hull, machinery and equipment are maintained and operated in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations and any additional requirements that may be established by the Company.

This will be achieved only if the Company's senior management is committed to applying the necessary resources, including appropriately qualified and competent crews.

A well designed and effectively implemented maintenance management system not only helps the Company to meet the safety and pollution-prevention objectives established by the ISM Code, but is also a sensible investment in the protection of a very valuable asset.



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4. For further reference, please find the following link:
<https://www.amsa.gov.au/about/regulations-and-standards/102022-planned-maintenance-ships>
5. This Administration exhorts Ship-owners/Operators, Legal Representative of Panama Flag Vessel; Panama Merchant Marine Recognized Organizations (ROs), to review the maintenance management system of the ships in accordance with the requirements of the ISM Code.

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