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Subject: Upgrade scheme for companies and ships with repeated/serious detained cases.

Ref.: (A) YA AR. 4113.190/01/2004/11-02-2004 YEN “Prototype agreement between Ministry of Mercantile Marine (yen) and the Recognized Organizations (RO) for the foreseen from the relative law, surveys and the issuance of the ships’ and companies’ demanding certificates” as has been amended.
(B) Article 40 of par. 1 KDND (ND 187/73 FEK 261 A’, as amended)
(C) Article 43 of par 1 KDND (ND 187/73 FEK 261 A’, as amended)

1. Due to the continuous quality upgrade of the Greek merchant fleet, and in order to avoid degradation of standards of Safety Management System (SMS) onboard the ships due to failure of the company’s Safety Management System, a new supervision scheme is introduced for ship’s which are frequently detained by the Port State Control Authorities.
2. It is clarified that as serious detention it is meant, the justifiable detention, whereby the deficiencies found partly or totally indicate failure of the Safety Management System.
A typical example of a serious detention comprise of the case whereby a port state control officer identifies a number of deficiencies leading to detention and which at the same time point to an insufficient upkeeping of the maintenance procedures onboard the ship.

3. The enhanced monitoring program should include the measures as can be seen on the following table

Cases	Action / Measures
Serious case of justified detention for ship's safety and Marine environment safety	Additional ISM audits of the ships from the classification Societies or/and the Administration within 1 month period from the detention date.
Two (2) justified (reasonable) detentions of the ship within 12 months	Additional ISM audits of the ship from the Classification Society or/and the Administration equivalent to intermediate audit for the ship's SMS and additional audit to the company equivalent to Annual Audit. Moreover, occasional survey will be carried out from MSSD(KEEP) team at the next most convenient port.
Three (3) justified detentions of the ship within 24 months	Withdrawn of the ship's SMC certificate till an additional audit will be fulfilled from the administration equivalent to initial audit Moreover, and additional audit at the company from the Administration equivalent to annual audit within the period of one month since the vessel was detained.

4. The Unions in which the present circulars is addressed the above changes are pleased to inform their member accordingly in order for the subject management companies to apply for the relevant occasional (additional) survey-audit of their vessels. These survey – audits must be carried out from the Administration's surveyors-auditor, whenever is needed, for the upgrade –maintenance of the safety and protection of the environment.
5. Moreover, in any case of detention the Union of Greek Masters is pleased to inform their members in order to comply with the demands of the reference relevant to the acknowledgement of the Administration in any case of detention.
6. The present circular should be filed within the MSSD's (KEEP) permanent circulars' folder with the number 12 at the table 14 of the permanent circulars' directory.