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Re: Our Letter No: 3112 dated 11.01.2017

Our referred letter sets the principles and procedures on additional inspections to be performed in case of detentions during the inspections performed as part of Port State Controls (PSC) of Turkish flagged ships. Besides, it is stated that, considering the importance of the subject matter, all stakeholders including authorized organizations have to pay strict attention to their responsibilities in ship inspections, that it is required to record by taking photos of each deficiency detected during PSC and that, in case of any problem that may be encountered during PSC, the Department of Ship Inspection needs to be immediately contacted.

However, it is seen that, in detentions, ship owners/operators/shipmasters and authorized organizations have failed to duly perform necessary operations and transactions within the scope of our referred letter. It is of great importance for shipmasters to take photos of deficiencies detected during PSC inspections and record the same by stating date and time and for ship owners/operators to submit such records upon request.

As is known, in case of any deficiency detected during the inspections conducted as part of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MoU), our Ministry requests the operator and the organization which has issued the Safety Management Certificate (SMC) of the ship to present the records of corrective and preventive actions. Upon such request, in addition to the records of corrective and preventive actions, any proof of deficiency and the PSC report must be sent to our Ministry.

Besides, in consequence of the update in Paris MoU PSC Procedures, the ISM deficiency code given as 15150 in PSC reports has been updated – the codes used for the said deficiency have been changed from 19 and 18 to 19 and 21. Code 19 means that the ship has been detained, additional SMC inspections need to be performed by the Administration before departure and the deficiencies related to ISM in the PSC report are a major problem in ISM Code implementations or an objective evidence of efficient implementation deficiency. Code 21 means that corrective (including preventive) actions need to be taken by the operator within 3 months in relation to the ISM system, the deficiencies related to ISM in the PSC report are a

problem in ISM Code implementations or an objective evidence of efficient implementation deficiency and the ship shall be subject to a PSC inspection 3 months after the inspection is completed. These are all standard expressions that are automatically recorded by the system if a code is given in the PSC report.

In this respect, in order to prevent the detention of Turkish flagged ships in the Paris MoU, Istanbul Harbour Master /Authorized Organization that has issued a SMC Certificate for the ships with an ISM deficiency reported in Paris MoU in 2017 (as per the attached list) is required to submit our Ministry the copies of audit reports (if a SMC audit has been performed following such PSC inspection) or to immediately perform additional SMC audits (if no audit has been performed), keep the copies of audit reports available onboard and submit our Ministry the copies of audit reports.

Considering the importance of the subject matter, any delay must be avoided and failure to perform such inspections must be regarded as a major nonconformity by the related Authorized Organization/Istanbul Harbour Master in accordance with the ISM Code and notified to our Ministry. The same shall apply to the Turkish flagged ships with a deficiency code 21 in Paris MoU inspections.

Kindly submitted,

On behalf of the Minister
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(e-signature)

Annex: List of Ships (1 page)

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