



Merchant Shipping Directorate



FOCUS ON PLANNED MAINTENANCE DURING PORT STATE CONTROL IN AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Merchant Shipping Notice 180

Notice to Ship Owners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations

The Directorate would like to remind all concerned of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's (AMSA) [Marine Notice 10/2022](#), regarding its increased focus on planned maintenance during port State control inspections (PSC) in Australian ports.

AMSA will place 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.

This is not a Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) or Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) of limited duration, but it is an ongoing exercise. During regular maintenance, the crew needs to focus on verifying operational preparedness and compliance to international requirements.

Ship operators and masters of Maltese registered vessels must ensure that all areas of SMS maintenance procedures are being diligently covered and documented in preparation for any PSC inspection. This includes ensuring that; maintenance inspections are held at appropriate intervals; equipment is tested regularly; any non-conformity is reported; appropriate corrective action is taken; and records of these activities are maintained.

The cooperation of all parties concerned is hereby solicited.

MS Notice 177 is hereby revoked.

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