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Subject: "IMO Revised Procedures for Port State Control"

Summary: This T.S.C. reports on the new version of IMO "Procedures for Port State Control, 2021" which has been issued under Resolution A. 1155(32)

Background

1. While the legal framework of Port State Control lies with Article 218 (1), Enforcement by port States, of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Port State Control (PSC) is widely defined as the inspection of foreign ships in national ports to verify that the condition of the ship and its equipment comply with the requirements of international regulations and that the ship is manned and operated in compliance with these instruments and ensure maritime safety and security and prevent pollution. The primary responsibility for ensuring ships' standards rests with the flag States. PSC inspections are intended to be a backup to flag State implementation.
2. When a PSC Officer (PSCO) inspects a foreign ship, any such inspection should be limited to verifying that there are on board valid certificates and other relevant documentation unless there are "clear grounds" for believing that the condition of the ship or its equipment does not correspond substantially with the particulars of the certificates.
3. On 28 Jan, IMO published its Assembly resolution A. 1155(32) as adopted on 15 Dec 2021, containing a new version of the IMO Procedures for Port State Control, 2021. While the main chapters of the procedures remain without changes, some changes have been incorporated in Appendices, including Appendix 4 Guidelines for Investigations & Inspections carried out under MARPOL Annex II, Part 4 New para. 5.10 incorporated with provisions for electronic record book (ERB), & Appendix 7 Guidelines for Control of Operational requirements.
(<https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/IIIS/Pages/Port%20State%20Control.aspx>)

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4. M.A.C. S.A. based on its wide expertise for detailed monitoring of international legal and institutional developments provides certification & documentation services to its customers, both for vessels and seafarers, for successfully dealing with the P.S.C. requirements upon verifying that there are on board valid certificates and other relevant documentation.



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