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**Subject: "ICS Publishes the Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table 2021/2022"**

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**Summary:** The current Newsletter reports on the most recent International Chamber of Shipping (I.C.S.) publication of the [Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table 2021/2022](#).

**Flag States Performance Table Report**

The Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table brings together data regarding the performance of flag States against specific criteria, including Port State Control (PSC) records, ratification of international conventions, and IMO meeting attendance. In particular, the flag state of a merchant ship is the jurisdiction under whose laws the ship is registered or licensed and is deemed the nationality of the vessel.

**Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this Flag State Performance Table published by ICS is two-fold:

- To encourage shipowners and operators to examine whether a flag State has sufficient substance before using it.
- To encourage shipowners and operators to put pressure on their flag Administrations to affect any improvements that might be necessary, especially in relation to the safety of life at sea, the protection of the marine environment, and the provision of decent working and living conditions for seafarers.

**Summarized Factual Information**

The Table summarises factual information in the public domain that might help assess the performance of flag States. Of particular relevance is considered the ICS Secretary General's statement emphasizing that continuing to increase the levels of reporting on labor standards is vital to maintain seafarer welfare. As the shipping industry moves towards further digitalization and a green transition, there will be changes to the way seafarers work. Through increases in and improvements to reporting, the industry can identify how working conditions can continue to be safe for the world's seafarers.

The Table also reports that a record number of flag administrations (49) have achieved full qualification status this year under the US Coast Guards Qualship21 program. Among the top 10 largest ship registers (by deadweight tonnage), covering over 79% of the world's merchant fleet, only two have one negative indicator, while the remaining eight have all positive indicators.



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