



TECHNICAL ALERT No. 16-25

Reporting of Port State Control Inspections

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Technical Alert highlights the Bahamas Maritime Authority's (BMA) requirements for reporting of Port State Control (PSC) inspections of Bahamian ships to the BMA.

2. Requirement for reporting of Port State Control Inspections

- 2.1. Since June 2009 Bahamas Information Bulletin No.85, "*Port State Control Inspection Management*", has required all PSC inspection reports (Form A and, if deficiencies are identified, Form B) to be sent to the BMA.
- 2.2. During review of common deficiencies identified at Annual Inspections it has been identified that the failure to report PSC inspections of Bahamian ships to the BMA has been one of the most frequently occurring deficiencies identified in the first 6 months of 2016.
- 2.3. The BMA reminds Companies to ensure that the requirements of Section 7 of Information Bulletin No.85 are taken into account in their safety management system and to ensure all PSC Inspection reports are sent to the BMA.
- 2.4. Where companies have previously failed to reported PSC inspections of their Bahamian ships to the BMA, then companies should ensure all PSC inspection reports for the previous 24 months (or since the date of Provisional registration for ships' registered with the Bahamas for less than 24 months) are submitted to the BMA in order to avoid a deficiency being raised at a future Annual Inspection.

- 2.5. Persistent failure to provide PSC inspection reports may be regarded as objective evidence of a failure in the Safety Management System and lead to non-conformities being raised at external ISM audits.

3. Validity

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

4. Revision History

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