
Circular 2005/002

Port State Control reporting

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To whom it may concern,

This circular replaces circular 002/05.

One of the important missions of the Belgian Maritime Administration is to safeguard the reputation of the Belgian flag as a quality flag. Maintaining the high quality standards of the Belgian registry is mutually beneficial for the Belgian Maritime Administration as for the shipping companies, operating ships under Belgian flag.

The quality of the Belgian flag is directly determined by the performance of the Belgian Maritime Administration as flagstate as well as the fleet registered under its flag. It is therefore the responsibility of the Belgian Maritime Administration to closely monitor the performance of the ships under Belgian flag.

One mean of assessing the performance of the fleet consists in the monitoring of the reporting from Port State Control (PSC). Remarks, observations and deficiencies collected from PSC-reports, contributes a valuable feedback on the quality and performance of:

- The Belgian Maritime Inspectorate itself
- Ships registered under Belgian flag
- The shipping companies operating ships under Belgian flag.
- Classification societies and other recognized organisations, acting on behalf of Belgium
- Port State Control authorities

Information collected from the PSC-reporting will not be used primarily to set up measures toward the shipping companies and their operated ships, but may be used to enhance and optimise the flagstate's supervision. Additionally it will allow the Belgian Maritime Inspectorate to assist and support the shipping companies upon ungrounded and incorrect actions from any PSC-authority.

On the other hand, a statistical analysis will be drawn from the collected PSC-reports. This analysis will enable the Belgian Maritime Inspectorate to monitor the evolution of the quality of the Belgian flag and compare the performance with other flagstates.

Starting from 1 January 2005, each company¹, operating ships under Belgian flag, shall forward copies of all Port State Control reports, without delay, to the Belgian Maritime Inspectorate. These should include both the reports with and without remarks.

¹ "Company" as defined in article 1.1.2. of the ISM Code

This requirement is applicable to reports issued by any Port State Control authority. Included are at least the PSC-authorities party of:

- Paris Memorandum of understanding (Paris MOU).
- Tokyo Memorandum of understanding (Tokyo MOU)
- Indian Ocean Memorandum of understanding
- United States Coast Guard

PSC-reports are to be send to:

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