



MARITIME AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA

MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE PORT STATE CONTROL (PSC) PROFILE OF JAMAICAN SHIPS

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ATTENTION:

- (I) SHIP OWNERS AND MANAGERS
- (II) RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS; NON-EXCLUSIVE SURVEYORS (APPROVED SURVEYOR)
- (IV) DEPUTY REGISTRARS
- (V) JAMAICAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES

OBJECTIVE:

The Director General of the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (the Administration) has found it necessary to implement the following as a part of a series of measures in response to the recently published annual report from the Secretariat of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control. The rating received by Jamaica is due in a large part, to the small size of the fleet.

In order to reinstate the Jamaican Flag to a favourable Paris MOU standing the following measures are being implemented to ensure that all Jamaican ships engaged in international trade and in particular those operating within the Paris MOU region, meet the required standard in order to reduce the risk of detention.

THESE REQUIREMENTS COME INTO EFFECT AS OF AUGUST 1, 2008.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.1. All Jamaican vessels of fifteen (15) years or more and in particular, those which operate within the Paris MOU region, shall be subject to increased frequency of Flag State inspections from annual to two or more inspections in each twelve (12) month period, depending on the detention record of a particular ship and the findings of the Administration during the previous inspection. The inspection(s) will be for the Owner's account.
- 1.2. The inspection will cover all conditions related to security, pollution prevention, maritime safety and compliance with all national and international regulations applicable to the vessel, and serve as a guarantee that the vessel is in compliance with all applicable requirements.
- 1.3. Ship Owners and Managers are required to provide the Administration with the vessel's schedule well in advance, to allow the Administration to make the necessary arrangements with its Approved Surveyor.



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- 1.4. Approved Surveyors are obliged to, immediately following an inspection, notify the Director of Safety of any observation which may present concern during a PSC inspection.
- 1.5. All Jamaican ships are required to complete the Port State Control Inspection Check List (MAJ Circular No. 08-02-01, Annex 1) prior to arrival in port. This Check List is to become a part of the pre-arrival Check Lists, and the time and date of completion is to be entered into the Deck Log Book.
- 1.6. A list of Approved Surveyors shall be posted on the website of the Maritime Authority of Jamaica
- 1.7. Approved Surveyors shall be held accountable for the reports submitted and for any detention of a vessel in the Paris MOU jurisdiction immediately after an Inspection.
- 1.8. Any vessel which fails to comply with the requirements of this Circular and is detained, may be subject to immediate deletion.
- 1.9. Any vessel detained within the Paris MOU following an Inspection, shall be subject to the terms and condition of MAJ Circular No. 08-02-01
- 1.10. Shipmanagers whose vessels accumulate two (2) or more detentions in a period of two (2) years shall be subject to an ISM Audit by the Administration. The cost of the Audit shall be for the account of the manager.
- 1.11. Countries of the Paris MOU include: Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and United Kingdom as may from time to time be revised.

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