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Subject:	Sierra Leone : ISM Special Instructions
Reference:	SAFETY – ISM Code

Sierra Leone: ISM Special Instructions

Sierra Leone flag administration may accept DOCs issued by another flag state. In such cases, evidence that the Sierra Leone flag administration has accepted the DOC issued by another flag must be available onboard.

Sierra Leone is a signatory member of the Bunker Convention and the Convention of Civil Liability Protocol; therefore, vessels that are registered under the Sierra Leone Flag and to which the Conventions mentioned apply shall carry on board a Bunker Convention Certificate (BCC) or Civil Liability Certificate (CLC).

The BCC is applicable to any type of seagoing vessel over 1000 GRT. The CLC is applicable for ships carrying more than 2,000 tons of oil in bulk as cargo. Both certificates are compulsory and there shall be no exceptions.

The BCC or CLC shall be verified as valid during initial, intermediate and renewal audits. If a vessel, to which BCC or CLC are applicable does not have a valid certificate on board at the time of the audit, a nonconformity shall be issued to the vessel.

In order to rectify the nonconformity, a period of two months shall be given to the vessel. During this period of time, the vessel should apply to the Administration for the issuance of the BCC/CLC without exemption. If in two months the vessel does not have the BCC onboard, the SMC shall be recommended for invalidation.

Proper qualification certificates for watchstanders shall be available in accordance with STCW. However, a certificate of endorsement by the flag administration is not required.

REFERENCES:

SOLAS – ISM Code

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