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To: All Surveyors/Auditors

Applicable to flag: All Flags

Reporting on deficiencies possibly affecting the implementation of the ISM Code on board during surveys

Reference: ISM Code

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The report may contain the following category of deficiency:

1. Technical
2. Operational
3. Documentation
4. Other

Examples:

1. Technical deficiencies
 - Combination of deficiencies, that together indicates that the maintenance system is not effectively implemented.
 - Poor condition of hull, main deck, closing appliances, railings, ladders.
 - Defective/missing firefighting and lifesaving appliances, oil pollution prevention equipment.
 - Leaks and oil in E/R spaces, pump-rooms etc.
 - Deficiencies relating to technical conditions, which may lead to the limitation, suspension or withdrawal of a Class or Statutory Certificate.
2. Operational deficiencies
 - Accidents and hazardous occurrences not reported to the Company.
 - Crew not able to satisfactorily conduct practical demonstrations of shipboard operations, such as starting the fire pump, emergency generator, lifeboat engine, etc.
 - Crew not able to communicate effectively in the execution of their duties.
 - Inability of crew to perform satisfactorily mandatory drills such as fire drills, LSA drills, pollution prevention drills, etc.

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3. Documentation deficiencies

- Expired classification or statutory certificates or certificates not endorsed as required.
- Overdue surveys, overdue audits or overdue conditions of class.
- Ship's copy of Document of Compliance (DOC) not valid or not relevant to ship type.
- Original Safety Management Certificate (SMC) has incorrect data or endorsements missing.
- Emergency response plans and relevant SOPEP manual not available (contact points ashore should be current and corresponding with Company name/address on DOC and SMC).
- Entries for relevant drills etc. in Log Book not completed in accordance with mandatory requirements.
- Incorrect or missing entries in the Oil Record Book.
- Fire Plan not up to date.

4. Other deficiencies

- Ship's complement not complying with the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate.
- Master, officers and ratings not certified as required by the STCW Convention.
- Serious deficiencies in respect to housekeeping and maintenance of galley, crew accommodation, and provisions stores.
- Port State or Flag State detentions if no evidence available, that the organization responsible for the SMS audit of the ship as specified in the Continuous Synopsis Record has been notified.

REFERENCES:

- ISM Code, Courtesy of IACS No.17.

ATTACHMENTS: No.

Kindest Regards,
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