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To	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag	All Flags
Title	PSC detentions procedure
Reference	CONARINA-Port State Control

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1. Scope

This procedure provides guidance for consistency in the implementation of CONARINA procedures covering situations of port state control intervention/detentions where CONARINA has issued the SMC, ISSC or MLC to the vessel.

Specific purpose of this procedure is to ensure, on a world-wide basis within ABS, consistent application of instructions on how to handle situations regarding port state detentions and promptly notify the MSC and ACS offices of situations of concern.

2. Responsibilities

CONARINA shall assign the most experienced auditor available for the PSC Audits.

3. Notification of PSC Intervention/Detention

3.1 Upon receipt of a PSC detention/intervention, the auditor has to determine the following:

- Has the SMC, ISSC and/or MLC been issued by CONARINA?
- What is the class of the vessel?
- Are there any ISM, ISPS and/or MLC related deficiencies?
- Are any of the ISM, ISPS and/or MLC deficiencies the cause of the detention?
- Has CONARINA been held responsible for the detention?
- What is the past track record of the subject vessel and the company?
- When was the vessel last audited by CONARINA? What were the findings?
- Are there any Notifications of possible SMS Failures?
- Has a PSC audit been recommended?

3.2 Handling PSC intervention/detention

Based upon the audit results, the auditor shall make recommendations which may include:

a) a follow up audit,

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- b) removal of existing full-term SMC, ISSC and/or MLC and replacing it with a short-term certificate, and/or
- c) additional audit of the company office, vessel, etc.
- 4. The Company and the flag administration are to be closely updated on the recommendations made and actions planned/taken.

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA - Instruction

- ATTACHMENTS: No

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