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# **Remote Port State Control inspections**

Tokyo MoU launches remote PSC inspections as a practical alternative in the interim where and when a normal physical PSC inspection is not feasible.

This comes as the pandemic has caused a notable decrease of the number of inspections due to restrictions of ship-shore interaction.

A remote PSC inspection may not be a fully effective as a phisical PSC inspection, it would be the preferred option which could which could minimize the risk for both PSC officers and crew onboard.

In the context, a guidance on remote PSC inspection has been developed and addopted in order to facilitate member.

Remote PSC inspection scheme wil be implemented in accordance with the following guiding principles and procedures:

- Selection of a ship for a remote PSC inspections is at the discretion of the Port State Authority in accordance with the existing inspection regime but not decided on requesting basis from the shipside. It would not be mandated for a ship to receive a remote PSC inspection. A remote PSC inspection would be carried out upon mutual agreement between the Port State Authority and the ship.
- Remote PSC inspections would be applied only initial inspection. However, it does not prelude that
  a Port State Authority may conduct more detailed inspection and/or order detention during the
  remote PSC inspection in accordance with their national legislation, the technical capabilities of the
  ship and the port concerned and other relevant circumstances.

- A ship would not be subject to a repeated remote PSC inspection generally.

Record and report of remote PSC inspection would be distingushed from reports of normal physical inspection in the database.

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