



Merchant Shipping Directorate



FOCUSED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON PLANNED MAINTENANCE AT AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Merchant Shipping Notice 177

*Notice to Ship Owners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's (AMSA) Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) that will be held between 15 January 2022 and 30 March 2022. This FIC will apply to all non-Australian flagged ships arriving at Australian ports in conjunction with a normal Port State Control Inspection.

The FIC is intended to verify that Ship Operators, Masters and crew are carrying out appropriate maintenance planning, performance and record keeping, in accordance with the ship's Safety Management System (SMS) and with the provisions of the relevant rules and regulations.

AMSA Inspectors will use a pre-defined checklist consisting of 9 questions to assess that various equipment is being maintained as required and in accordance with the ship's SMS. It is the responsibility of all concerned to ensure that the Master and crew are well familiarised with their SMS's maintenance procedures and the FIC checklist before calling at Australian ports in preparation of any PSC Inspection by AMSA.

A sample checklist to prepare for the FIC is available from AMSA's website through the following link: [Checklist for planned maintenance focused inspection campaign](#)

Deficiencies resulting as part of the FIC will be reported to the regional Port State Control database and may lead to the detention of the vessel. Masters and Companies are therefore urged to use the checklist and ensure that all areas of maintenance and procedures are being diligently covered.

The Directorate would like to remind all those concerned that should a vessel within a company's fleet be detained in any PSC region, it is imperative that this Administration is immediately informed and a copy of the PSC report is forwarded without any delay. In case the vessel has not been detained, this Office shall also be informed, especially should serious and/or numerous deficiencies have been identified.

The cooperation of all parties concerned is hereby solicited.

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