



WARNING NOTICE for NON-COMPLIANCE WITH MMN-19-006r1 PORT STATE CONTROL ANALYSIS AND SELF-INSPECTION PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM TO: **ALL SHIPOWNERS AND ISM OPERATORS.**

FROM: INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE REGISTRY OF BELIZE

SUBJECT: Unjustified non-compliance with the Self-Inspection Program

Dear Sir,

This Warning Letter is issued in virtue of the Directive 6 of our Statutory Instrument 56 of 1991 (Disciplinary Regulations) due to failure to comply with our enforced Self-Inspection Program launched on 26 March 2015 (MMN-15-01 and MMN-15-02) superseded by the MMN-19-006 on 23 December 2019 and by the MMN-19-006r1 on 19 January 2021.

As you may be aware, the Self-Inspection Program along with its checklist was launched with the aim to provide an instrument to self-inspect Belize Flagged Vessels by its Master allowing the prompt identification of deficiencies and their rectification prior to a Port State Control Inspection as a proactive measure to avoid unnecessary detentions. This is considered a mandatory requirement and therefore, all Belize registered vessels must comply with this program with no exceptions.

In view of the above and in consideration that there still some Shipowners, ISM Operators and Master's disregarding these instructions by the Flag State to full comply with this Self-Inspection Program resulting in a high number of PSC Deficiencies and Detentions, the Belize Administration is officially issuing this warning with effect as at **1 July 2021** any Belize registered vessel found in non-compliance with our Merchant Marine Notice 19-006r1 regarding Port State Control Analysis and Self-Inspection Program will be subject to the imposition of a Fine in virtue of the Directive 7 of our Statutory Instrument 56 of 1991 (Disciplinary Regulations).

After 1 July 2021 if any Shipowner, ISM Operator and Master is found to continue not to comply with the Self-Inspection program, the above-mentioned Directive 7 will be applied as follows:

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1. A Fine of USD 2,000.00 will be imposed.
2. A Fine of USD 3,000.00 will be imposed if this non-compliance is found together with a PSC Inspection resulting with 7 or more deficiencies.
3. A Fine of USD 5,000.00 will be imposed if this non-compliance is found together with a PSC Inspection resulting in a Detention of the vessel.
4. A Fine of USD 10,000.00 will be imposed if the vessel submitted the Self-Inspection Checklist and it is detained after 10 days due to the submission of false information.

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) will strongly request to take note of this Warning Letter in order to avoid the imposition of above-mentioned fines.

Best regards,

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Issued at Belize City, Belize, this 24th of June 2021.

References:

Directive 6 of the S.I. 56 of 1991 regarding Disciplinary Regulations

A written warning is applicable in cases of violation or non-compliance of any provisions of the Act or of any regulations made thereunder, or circular notes, or a violation of any of the requirements established by Conventions and/or Resolutions on Maritime Affairs, committed for the first time, provided the respective non-compliance or violation is not of a serious nature.

Directive 7 of the S.I. 56 of 1991 regarding Disciplinary Regulations

*A fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (US\$50,000) shall be applicable in all cases where the violation or non-compliance is of a serious nature or, **in the cases referred to in regulation 6 above, the non-compliance or violation has occurred repeatedly even though not of a serious nature.***