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Mandatory Additional ISM Audit Following PSC Inspections within Paris MoU Jurisdiction

Applicable to: This FLEET SAFETY LETTER should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, Masters of Vanuatu-registered ships and Recognized Organizations

Dear Stakeholders,

This Fleet Safety Letter is issued by the Office of the Maritime Administrator to advise that, with immediate effect, in cases where a Vanuatu-flagged vessel is subjected to a Port State Control (PSC) inspection within the Paris MoU jurisdiction and any of the identified deficiencies are marked as related to the ISM Code, the Maritime Administrator may require an additional ISM audit to be carried out within one (1) month from the date of the inspection.

This additional ISM audit shall be conducted by the vessel's Recognized Organization (RO), and is intended to verify that the ISM-related deficiency has been properly rectified and closed to the satisfaction of the Administrator.

This measure is implemented in recognition of the fact that Paris MoU authorities reserve the right to conduct spot-check inspections approximately three (3) months after deficiencies have been recorded.

Therefore, in order to avoid potential complications during any such follow-up inspections and to protect and strengthen the standing of the Vanuatu flag within the Paris MoU regime, the Administrator deems it necessary to take proactive steps to ensure that ISM deficiencies are addressed in a timely and verifiable manner.

This Fleet Safety Letter applies to Vanuatu-flagged vessels that are found with ISM-related deficiencies during PSC inspections conducted under the jurisdiction of the Paris MoU after the date of this publication, and is effective immediately.

For any questions or further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Maritime Administrator directly.

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