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#### Enhanced Flag State Inspections for Vanuatu-Flagged Vessels Calling Romanian Ports

**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**

In order to enhance the overall performance of the Vanuatu flag, maintain the Registry's reputation, and protect its international standing, the Maritime Administrator has decided to implement enhanced safety oversight measures. This action follows the recent port state control (PSC) detentions, high-level deficiencies, and ISM-related non-conformities that Vanuatu-flagged vessels have experienced in Romanian ports. Effective immediately, these measures are aimed at strengthening compliance, reducing the risk of detentions, and safeguarding the prestige of the Vanuatu flag.

From this date forward, any Vanuatu-flagged vessel that calls at any Romanian port, at any time, may be subject to a Flag State Inspection (FSI). Such inspections may be arranged **prior to arrival, including at the vessel's last port before Romania or any suitable point along the vessel's route to Romania, or during the vessel's stay in a Romanian port.**

The selection of vessels for these inspections will be based on a thorough review of the vessel's compliance record, including but not limited to:

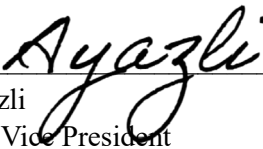
- PSC detentions within the last two (2) years, including but not limited to those conducted under the Paris, Tokyo, Mediterranean, and Black Sea MoUs;
- ISM-related deficiencies or major non-conformities identified during recent PSC inspections within the last three (3) months;
- High-level deficiencies or observations found during previous flag state inspections;
- Vessels that have not undergone an inspection within the last six (6) months within the Paris MoU jurisdiction;
- Vessels designated as **Priority 1 (P1)** or **Priority 2 (P2)** under the Paris MoU jurisdiction;
- Any other compliance concerns deemed relevant by the Maritime Administrator.

These measures are being implemented to ensure full compliance with **all relevant international regulations and codes** and to prevent further detentions or serious deficiencies in Romanian ports.

Non-compliance with this directive may result in administrative sanctions, including fines, suspension of the vessel's registry, or unilateral deletion of the vessel from the registry.

All Owners and Operators are strongly urged to maintain the highest standards of safety and operational readiness before calling at Romanian ports.

For additional information or to submit proposals, please contact: Office of the Maritime Administrator at [info@register-vu.com](mailto:info@register-vu.com).

  
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