Subject: Procedure to be observed by Recognized Organization (RO) in case of a PSC inspection with reported deficiencies and / or detention of German flagged ships

Reference: --

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Explanatory note:

1. General

1.1 The RO has to inform the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr (ism@bg-verkehr.de and psc@bg-verkehr.de) immediately in the following cases:

- when becoming aware that Port State Control has detained a German flagged ship
- if the PSC inspection report indicates that actions have to be taken by the flag state authority (except ISPS matters)
- the required actions are not covered by the agreement between BG Verkehr and RO (e.g. special permits or exemptions)

1.2 The surveyor/auditor of the (RO) has to co-operate with the PSC officer(s) in order to ensure the rectification of reported deficiencies and verification of corrective actions to non-conformities found during the PSC inspection.

2. Surveys/Audits

2.1 If the RO has been requested to attend on board, the surveyor shall carry out an inspection with the extent to verify that the reported deficiencies are rectified as requested by PSC. The attending surveyor should assist the master in order to ensure the rectification of deficiencies or other discrepancies.
2.2 If the ship has been detained due to certificates became invalid, e.g. the surveys have not been completed within the prescribed periods, the surveyor shall conduct the required surveys. After a successful survey the respective interim certificates are to be issued. The revalidation of invalid certificates is not permissible.

2.2 The survey statement shall clearly indicate the status of the rectification of the deficiencies and the details of action taken for rectification. Any items, which are not fully rectified, have to be adequately addressed by the surveyor e.g. any re-survey or other follow-up action to be taken by the ship.

2.3 If necessary and the PSC agrees a re-survey shall be carried out at the next convenient port.

2.4 Where a German ship is detained by PSC under the ISM Code as a result of a major non-conformity and the RO has been requested to attend the ship for an additional audit, the procedures as set out in the annex of MSC/Circ.1059 shall apply.

3. Documentation

3.1 The following information has to be submitted by e-mail to the Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit (ism@bg-verkehr.de):

- PSC inspection report
- Survey statement
- Audit report (if applicable)

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