

Press release

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2018 ANNUAL REPORT PARIS MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL

“Consistent Compliance”

The Paris MoU has published its 2018 Annual Report on the 1st of July 2019, which can be found on the website (www.parismou.org). This report contains the details of the activities of the Paris MoU during 2018. Some of the highlights of the report are set out in this Press Release.

In 2018 there were 24 Refusal of Access Orders (referred to as “bannings”) issued. This shows a decrease from 32 in 2017. Refusal of access (banning) has been used 77 times since 2016.

The detention percentage decreased to 3.15% (from 3.87%) and the number of detainable deficiencies also decreased to 3,171 (from 3,883 in 2017). The number of inspections carried out was 17,952; this is slightly higher than in 2017 (17,923).

A Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on MARPOL Annex VI was carried out from September to November 2018. The general conclusion was that the overall compliance with MARPOL Annex VI was satisfactory. However, the industry is reminded to ensure that a fuel change-over procedure is provided on board and used as required and that bunker delivery notes are kept on board for a minimum of three years.

Over the past three years 73 ships have been banned for multiple detentions and four ships were banned for “failing to call at an indicated repair yard”. Ten of these ships were banned for a second time.

Over the three year period, 2016-2018, the flags of Comoros, the United Republic of Tanzania and Togo have recorded the highest number of bannings.

Looking at the Paris MoU “White, Grey and Black List” the overall situation seems to be stabilising. Although some flag States have moved between lists, the total number of 41 flags on the “White List” is almost similar to that in 2017 (40). The Grey List contains 18 flags (20 in 2017) and the Black List 14 flags (13 in 2017).

Recognized Organizations (ROs) are authorised by flag States to carry out statutory surveys on their behalf. For this reason, it is important to monitor their performance, which is why a performance list for ROs is presented in the Annual Report. Out of 566 detentions recorded in 2018, 97 (17%) were considered RO related (14.3% in 2017).

The number of inspections is stabilising. The detention percentage in 2018 (3.15%) however shows a significant decrease compared to 2016 (3.85%) and 2017 (3.87%). The level of detainable deficiencies has decreased as well from 3,883 in 2017 to 3,171 this year.

Members performing the largest number of inspections are: Spain, the United Kingdom, Italy, the Russian Federation, the Netherlands, Germany and France. Together, these Members jointly accounted for 52% of the total number of inspections during 2018.

With 1,098 inspections and 145 detentions the ships flying a "Black-listed flag" had a detention rate of 13.2%, which is substantially less than the 16.9% in 2017. For ships flying a "Grey-listed flag" the detention rate was 6.4%, which is lower than the 7.4% in 2017. Ships flying a "White-listed flag" had a detention rate of 2.3% which is slightly less than in 2017 (2.5%) and 2016 (2.6%).

The five most frequently recorded deficiencies in 2018 were "ISM" (4.73%, 1,911), "fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions" (2.62%, 1,057), "nautical publications" (2.01%, 811), "charts" (1.72%, 693) and "oil record book" (1.64%, 661). The first four are consistent with 2016. Relatively, the total number of the top five has slightly increased from 12.6% in 2017 to 12.7% this year.

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Notes to editors:

Regional Port State Control was initiated in 1982 when fourteen European countries agreed to coordinate their port State inspection effort under a voluntary agreement known as the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Paris MOU). Currently 27 countries are member of the Paris MOU. The European Commission, although not a signatory to the Paris MOU, is also a member of the Committee.

The Paris MoU is supported by a central database THETIS hosted and operated by the European Maritime Safety Agency in Lisbon. Inspection results are available for search and daily updating by MoU Members. Inspection results can be consulted on the Paris MoU public website and are published on the Equasis public website.

The Secretariat of the MoU is provided by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and located in The Hague.

Port State Control is a check on visiting foreign ships to verify their compliance with international rules on safety, pollution prevention and seafarers living and working conditions. It is a means of enforcing compliance in cases where the owner and flag State have failed in their responsibility to implement or ensure compliance. The port State can require deficiencies to be corrected, and detain the ship for this purpose if necessary. It is therefore also a port State's defence against visiting substandard shipping.