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## **Port State Control in Novorossiysk, Russia**

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### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This Technical Alert is issued by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) to raise awareness of an unusually high number of port State control (PSC) detentions in the Black Sea MoU area, in particular, Novorossiysk Russia.
- 1.2. The BMA has produced this Technical Alert to bring to the attention of ship owners, managers and crews of Bahamian ships calling in areas stated in paragraph 1.1 to assist in preparation for PSC inspections.

### **2. PSC detention in Novorossiysk.**

- 2.1. The BMA has recorded a total of 5 detentions in in Novorossiysk Port in 2021.
- 2.2. A review of the inspections highlighted that the detainable deficiencies could be grouped into the following categories:
  - ISM related.
  - Life Saving Appliances, including launching appliances.
  - GMDSS equipment, including reserve power batteries.
  - MARPOL related.
  - Fire Protection related.
- 2.3. It is noted that some detentions were imposed under the ISM Code, owing to the cumulative effect of a number of non-detainable deficiencies being identified during the inspection.

### **3. PSC Process and rights to appeal**

- 3.1. Companies are reminded that failures and breakdowns of equipment need not be a cause for detention provided that the Flag State and Recognised Organisation have been advised as soon as the breakdown is experienced, and the Port State has been alerted prior to arrival.
- 3.2. Section 3.14 of the BS MOU states that “the owner or the operator of a ship will have the right of appeal against a detention decision to higher administrative Authority or

to the court of competent jurisdiction, according to the law in each country. However, an appeal shall not cause the detention to be suspended”.

- 3.3. Owners or operators are advised to use the official national procedure according to the national jurisdiction of the country where the detention order was issued, if they wish to appeal against a detention order.
- 3.4. The BMA reiterates the benefit of familiarisation with the following:
  - a. Code of good practice for port state control officer conducting inspections within the framework of the BS MOU.  
[http://www.bsmou.org/downloads/reference/Code\\_of\\_Good\\_Practice.zip](http://www.bsmou.org/downloads/reference/Code_of_Good_Practice.zip)
  - b. Procedures of Port State Control, 2019 (resolution A.1138(31)).  
[https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/OurWork/IIIS/Documents/A%2031-Res.1138%20-%20PROCEDURES%20FOR%20PORT%20STATE%20CONTROL,%202019%20\(Secretariat\).pdf](https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/OurWork/IIIS/Documents/A%2031-Res.1138%20-%20PROCEDURES%20FOR%20PORT%20STATE%20CONTROL,%202019%20(Secretariat).pdf)
  - c. IMO INSTRUMENTS IMPLEMENTATION CODE (III CODE) A.1070(28)  
<https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/OurWork/IIIS/Documents/1070.pdf>
  - d. BMA Information Notice 14 port state control recurring deficiencies.  
<https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/IN014-Port-State-Control-Recurring-Deficiencies-v1.1.pdf>
  - e. Marine Notice 93 Port state control inspections  
<https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MN093-Port-State-Control-Inspections-v1.1.pdf>
  - f. Marine Notice 94 Port state control detention  
<https://www.bahamasmaritime.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MN094-Port-State-Control-Detentions-v1.1.pdf>
  - g. If became necessary to submit a National appeal For the Russian Federation (Black Sea MoU member) please find the form in the link below:  
<http://www.bsmou.org/downloads/reference/National%20appeal%20procedure%20BS%20MoU%20member%20State%20Russian%20Federation.pdf>

#### **4. Deficiencies analysis and area of focus.**

- 4.1. A further detailed review of 132 inspections conducted by the Black Sea MoU during the course of the 2021 highlighted the following areas of focus
  - i. Lights, shapes, sound-signals
  - ii. Lighting (Working spaces)
  - iii. Auxiliary engine
  - iv. Ropes and wires
  - v. Lifeboats

- vi. Lifebuoys incl. provision and disposition
  - vii. Emergency, lighting, batteries and switches
  - viii. Rescue boats
  - ix. Safe means of access shore/ ship
  - x. Propulsion main engine
  - xi. Ventilators, air pipes, casings
  - xii. Emergency source of power - Emergency generator
  - xiii. Fire-dampers
  - xiv. Charts & Electronic charts (ECDIS)
  - xv. Cleanliness (Oil accumulation in engine room and/or decks)
  - xvi. ISM
  - xvii. Emergency, lighting, batteries and switches
  - xviii. Fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions
  - xix. Fire detection
- 4.2. Owners, operators, masters and crews are recommended to ensure that their ships are fully prepared for PSC inspections in Black Sea MOU accordingly.

## **5. Validity**

- 5.1. This Technical Alert is valid until further notice.