

## **Port State Control – Information Notice No.1 of 2010**

The purpose of this notice is to advise shipowners, operators, managers and Masters of Isle of Man registered ships of the following;

### **International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention)**

#### **There appears to be renewed interest by Port State Control in respect of certification and documentation concerning the aforementioned Convention**

The AFS Convention came into force on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008;

Under Article 11 of the AFS Convention prescribes that ships to which this Convention applies may in any port, shipyard, or offshore terminal of a Party, be inspected by officers authorized by that Party for the purpose of determining whether the ship is in compliance with the Convention.

The IMO also invited Governments to apply the Guidelines as soon as possible, or when the AFS Convention became applicable to them, however to date the Isle of Man is not party to the AFS Convention. The Ship Registry or Recognised Organisation on its behalf has however, continued to issue to vessels registered in the Isle of Man with a Declaration on Anti-Fouling Systems.

To ensure compliance with the requirements of the AFS Convention, ships will be subject to PSC inspections carried out in accordance with IMO's Guidelines for Inspection of Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships as set out in MEPC.105(49) - Guidelines for Inspection of Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships. Owners should note that PSC officers may take appropriate documentation, such as paint receipts, into account in evaluating whether the ship complies with the AFS Convention.

#### **Ships of Non-Parties to AFS 2001**

As ships of non-Parties to AFS 2001 are not entitled to an IAFS Certificate, therefore the PSCO should look for documentation that contains all of the information in the IAFS Certificate. The records described in resolution MEPC.102(48), paragraphs 5.2.2 and 5.3.2 can be used as examples of this types of documentation. If the ship has such documentation, the PSCO may take its content into account in the evaluation of that ship's compliance.

Therefore please ensure that all of your ship's documentation is up to date and in good order including the Statement of Compliance with the AFS Convention

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