

Port State Control – Information Notice No.2 of 2009

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

Further information for vessels operating in the United States or within US waters

Designation of Isle of Man Registered vessels using the Advance Notice of Arrival (ANOVA) forms for entering US Ports

As you will remember from the issue of our Port State Control Information Notice No.7 of 2007 the Ship Registry approached the USCG to discuss the matter of why Isle of Man registered vessels kept appearing on USCG inspection data as United Kingdom vessels. The reason behind this fact would appear to have been instigated during the process of registering a vessels arrival into the USA using the Advance Notice of Arrival (ANOVA) including the electronic version e-NOA/D in use by the USCG.

After discussing the matter with the USCG and National Vessel Movement Centre (NVMC) where they process ANOVAs the USCG the Ship Registry was able to confirm the Isle of Man had now been included on the official listings of ports under the two letter designation **"IM"** allocated by the United Nations Code for Trade and Transportation Locations - UN/LOCODE. <http://www.unece.org/cefact/locode/service/main.htm>.

We have recently been advised by the USCG that 79 Isle of Man registered vessels were allocated notification as being under the United Kingdom flag. This was probable due to the fact that submitters of ANOVA information through the e-NOA/D system or even via their appointed agents in the USA are still using the selection box for the United Kingdom, in their advance notice of arrival information during the 2008 and to date.

We have been reminded by the USCG that each of these vessels could be subject to a civil penalty (fine) if the USCG chose to pursue the matter.

The Ship Registry would remind all operators, managers, vessels' Masters and their appointed agents in the USA to select the Isle of Man as designated by **"IM"** in the selection box for the Flag State as and when they submit their notice of arrival data. Further information is available on the following websites:

<http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/browse.do?channelId=-18371> and

<http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/default.aspx>

USCG – MARPOL Annex VI – Ship Examination Procedure

MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI outlines the international requirements for vessels air emissions and shipboard air pollution prevention measures. Annex VI entered into force for the United States on January 8, 2009. Starting on that date, U.S. ships operating anywhere and foreign-flag ships operating in United States waters must comply with the requirements set out in MARPOL Annex VI and the applicable designated US regulations.

Further information on this topic can be found by following the website below and clicking on the appropriate link to MARPOL Annex VI for the information you require;

<http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/browse.do?channelId=-18371>

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) obtained court approval for a delay until February 6, 2009 for commencement of the Vessel General Permit (VGP) program. The delay was requested in order to provide the regulated community the ability to prepare for the requirements of the final permit, particularly as it relates to conditions imposed by USA pursuant to section 401(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA). (12/17/08).

Meanwhile USCG units should, however continue to educate the maritime industry

Further information on this topic can be found by following the website below and clicking on the appropriate link to EPA Vessel General Permit for the information you require;

<http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/browse.do?channelId=-18371>

Additional information can also be accessed via the following;

www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels

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