

The purpose of this notice is to advise Managers and Masters of information concerning Port State Control inspections and activities affecting Isle of Man ships worldwide.

A Port State Control (PSC) inspection is a right of a PSC authority to check visiting foreign ships in order to verify compliance with international rules on safety, pollution prevention and seafarer's living and working conditions.

PSC is a means of enforcing compliance in cases where the ship-owner and Flag State have failed in their responsibility to implement or ensure compliance and the elimination of "sub-standard" ships. The Port State authority will require defects to be put right and, where appropriate, detain ships for this purpose. PSC is therefore a port state's defence against arriving and departing substandard ships.

Technical managers are encouraged to forward this notice to Masters of Isle of Man registered ships in their fleet in support of shipboard operations and awareness prior to any PSC inspection.

Isle of Man Ship Registry — happy to help. For questions concerning statutory requirements relating to Isle of Man registered ships please email Isle of Man Ship Registry marine.survey@gov.im. This email is monitored continuously and the survey team will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Whenever a PSC inspection has been completed, we kindly ask you to email all PSC inspection reports to portstatecontrol@gov.im as soon as practicable.



COVID19 guidance – refer to [Technical Advisory Notice 02-2020](#)

As a result of a recent ship detention we remind technical managers and ship masters - if anyone on board has COVID19 or COVID19-like symptoms please report this to the port authorities prior to arrival in port.



Important note concerning Seafarer Employment Agreements (SEAs)

During the COVID19 pandemic seafarers are facing increasing difficulties with repatriation and as such may be asked to extend their period of service on board. As a result SEAs, as required by the Maritime Labour Convention, are coming under increased scrutiny by PSC.

Some PSC regions or authorities will not accept extension of the period of service on board beyond 11 months. Some countries will not accept at all and some countries will not accept unless authorized (*authorized by Isle of Man Ship Registry*) on a case-by-case basis when strictly necessary to face the emergency situation created by the pandemic, and only with the seafarer's consent.

Please refer to Isle of Man [Technical Advisory Notice 02-2020 Section 4.2](#) and applicable PSC regional COVID19 guidance notes (see web links in section 1 of this document).



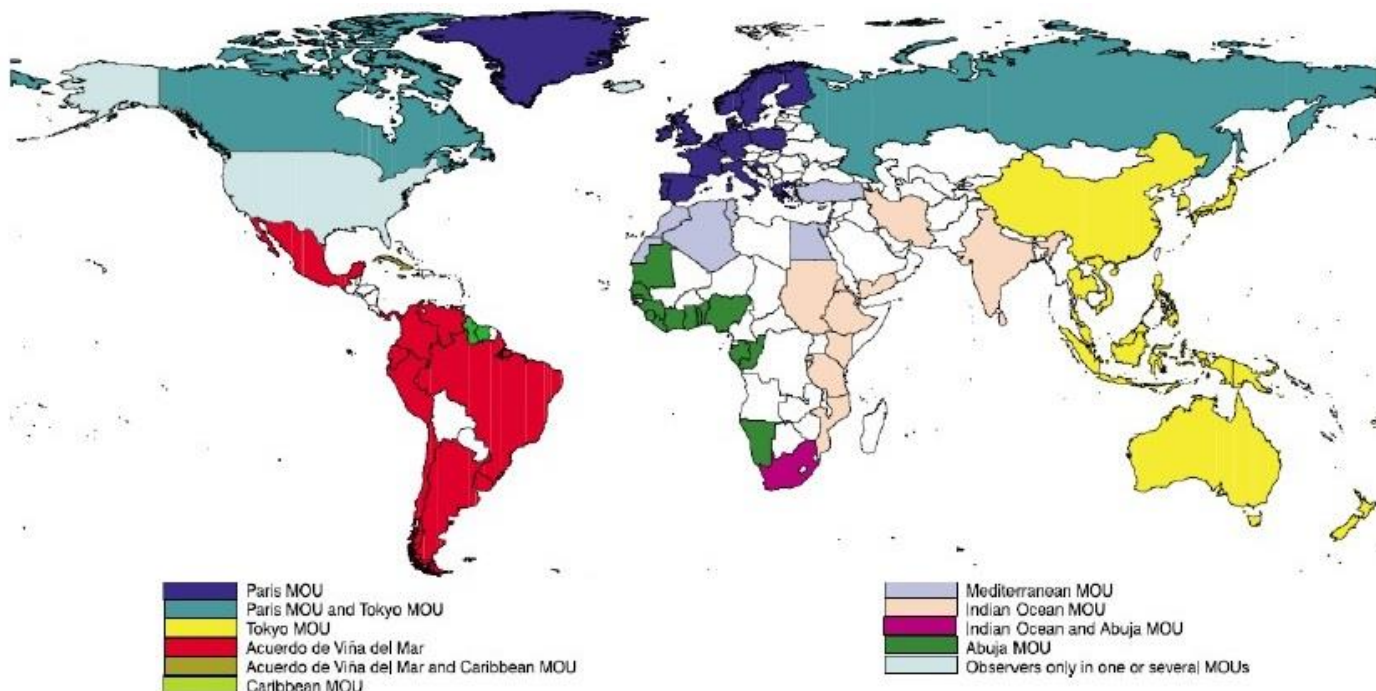
Guidance for Masters should you receive a deficiency during a PSC inspection.

- If you agree with the deficiency raised then agree a practical corrective action plan with the PSC Officer. This should be reflected in the "action taken" coding stated on the Form B.
- If you do not agree with the deficiency raised then politely discuss with the PSC officer before he/she leaves the vessel to clarify the statutory requirement (applicable to the ship's age and tonnage) and its implementation on board: Most PSC Officers expect to be challenged by the Master.

In addition to the above, if the PSC Officer wishes to **detain** the vessel;

- Call the technical management company or Isle of Man Ship Registry (+44 1624 688500 office hours or +44 7624 493467 out of hours) for assistance if required **before the PSC Officer leaves the vessel.**
- Ask the PSC Officer for a copy of the appeal procedure.

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Port State Control Regions



Useful websites for PSC MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) Information:

Black Sea MOU	www.bsmou.org	Riyadh MOU	www.riyadhmou.org
Paris MOU	www.parismou.org	United States Coast Guard	cgmix.uscg.mil/PSIX
Indian MOU	www.iomou.org	Latin America MOU	www.acuerdolatino.int.ar
Mediterranean MOU	www.medmou.org	Caribbean MOU	www.caribbeanmou.org
Tokyo MOU	www.tokyo-mou.org	West and Central Africa MOU	www.abujamou.org

Remember...

- All statutory equipment on board must be maintained in full working order capable of being used and ready for immediate use, which may be required to be demonstrated at any time regardless if it is being used for operations or not.
- If you are aware of any defects or equipment failures concerning statutory equipment then address these through the ship’s defect reporting system and inform the Isle of Man Ship Registry and the Classification Society as necessary. Temporary dispensation from Isle of Man Ship Registry may be required to allow for repairs.
- Should a Port State Control Officer board the vessel the Isle of Man Ship Registry advises informing the PSC Officer of any defects at the beginning of the inspection and demonstrate what steps have been taken to address the defects. If this is not done the PSC Officer may incorrectly assume the ship staff are either not aware of the defect items or are lying about it – either way this is bad for the ship.
- If additional equipment has been fitted in excess of the statutory requirements the Isle of Man Ship Registry recommends this equipment is maintained in full working order or clearly signed the equipment is not to be used.

For information concerning "What to expect during a PSC Inspection" watch the IOM Ship Registry video presentations on the [Isle of Man Ship Registry YouTube channel](#).



1. Isle of Man Performance

The International Chamber of Shipping has published its 2020/2021 Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table. The Flag State Performance Table is based on the most up-to-date data available as of January 2021. The Table summarises factual information in the public domain that might be helpful in assessing the performance of flag States.

	Port State Control					Ratification of Conventions							RO Code	Age	Reports	IMO			
	Paris MOU White List	Not on Paris MOU Black List	Tokyo MOU White List	Not on Tokyo MOU Black List	USCG Qualship 21	USCG Target List (safety)	SOLAS 74 (and 88 Protocol)	MARPOL including Annexes I - II	MARPOL Annexes III - VI	LL 66 (and 88 Protocol)	STCW 78	ILO MLC	CLC/FUND 92	Recognized Organizations	Low Average Age (Ship Numbers)	On latest STCW 95 'white list'	Completed full ILO Reports	IMO Meetings Attendance	IMO Audit Scheme
- Isle of Man	■	■	■	■	■	■	UK	UK	UK	UK	UK	UK	UK	■	■	UK	UK	■	■

■ squares suggest positive performance indicators

UK - Indicates where a dependent territory's entry is based on the ratification, reporting or IMO meeting attendance of the UK 'mainland' flag.

For more information - [Flag State Performance Tables ICS](#)

2. MOU Regional Information:-

Paris MoU (01/04/2022) – latest news:

- Paris MoU Newsletter: <https://sway.office.com/uoHK4udAuyBDp8Je?ref=Link>
- The Isle of Man has '**White List**' status as of the latest [2022-23 Paris MoU Performance List](#).
- [Annual report PMoU 2021](#)
- Classification Societies recognised by Isle of Man (see MSN020) have [a low risk](#).
- [Paris MoU COVID19 Guidance](#)
- **Joint concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC)** on STCW –1/9/22 to 30/11/22
- **PS Circular: 101** - Guidance on repatriation of seafarers due to situation in Ukraine, which aims to provide some guidance:- [Ukraine repatriation](#)
- **AFS Convention**:- will come into force on 1 January 2023. The resolution contains a ban to apply or re-apply anti-fouling systems containing cybutryne from 1 January 2023. All ships should remove or seal such anti-fouling systems no later than 60 months following the last application of such anti-fouling system prior to 1
- **Towing and mooring** (01 January 2023. SOLAS Ch II-1/3.8:-) require appropriate and safe-to-use designs of mooring arrangements, and introduce a maintenance and inspection regime, as well as proper documentation.
 - Guidelines on the design of mooring arrangements and the selection of appropriate mooring equipment and fittings for safe mooring" (MSC.1/Circ. 1619)
 - "Guidelines for inspection and maintenance of mooring equipment including lines" (MSC.1/Circ.1620)
 - "Revised guidance on shipboard towing and mooring equipment" (MSC.1/Circ. 1175/Rev.1)
- **Modernization of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (in force 01/01/2024 – SOLAS Ch IV)**
 - the requirements for communication equipment have been moved from SOLAS Chapter III on life-saving appliances to Chapter IV on radio communications.
 - The definitions of the sea areas A1 to A4 have been amended to reflect that the geographical area of coverage may vary between various satellite service providers.



Tokyo MoU (01/04/2022):

- **Joint concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC)** on STCW –1/9/22 to 30/11/22
- The Isle of Man has '**White List**' status as of the latest TMoU annual report (see Table 8 TMoU annual report 2021)
- [Annual report TMoU 2021](#)
- In accordance with the Tokyo MOU's Inspection Regime procedures the Isle of Man also has "Low Risk Ship" status as published on the Tokyo MOU website.
- Classification Societies recognised by Isle of Man have a performance level of "High" and have also attained "Low Risk" status as published on the Tokyo MOU website: (table 6 TMoU annual report 2021).
- [Tokyo MoU COVID19 Guidance](#)
- [Guidance on Remote PSC Inspections](#)
- [Tokyo MOU Safety Bulletins](#)

United States Coast Guard (USCG) 01/04/2022:

- The Isle of Man Ship Registry has achieved the required Flag State standard (2021) for those ships wishing to enroll on the [USCG's Qualship 21 and E-Zero programs](#) subject to additional eligibility criterion being met as of the latest. [USCG Annual report 2021](#)
- The Isle of Man Ship Registry has also achieved the required Flag State status for a low target score on the USCG Security Compliance Matrix as of the 2021 USCG Annual Report (Qualship 21 - page 16 Annual report).
- Classification Societies recognised by Isle of Man have a detention ratio of <2% and are therefore not targeted for Priority 1 PSC inspections.
- [USCG COVID19 Guidance](#) [USCG Safety Alerts and Safety Advisories](#)

Other PSC Region reporting as at June 2022:-

Black Sea MoU:

- [2021 annual report](#)

Mediterranean MoU:

- [2019 Annual Report](#)

Indian Ocean MoU:

- [Indian Ocean MoU COVID19 Guidance](#)
- [2021 Annual Report here](#) https://www.iomou.org/HOMEPAGE/pdf/Annual_Report/AnrRep2021.pdf

Caribbean MoU:

- [Caribbean MoU COVID19 Guidance](#)
- [2020 Annual Report](#)

Riyadh MoU:

- [2019 Annual Report](#)

Abuja MoU:

- [2020 Annual Report](#)

