

Isle of Man Ship Registry Port State Control Notice

May - July 2025 PSC Analysis

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1. Introduction

This notice serves to highlight shipowners of recent trends identified following Port State Control Inspections performed from May – July 2025 across all Manx flagged vessels.

The top risk areas identified were:

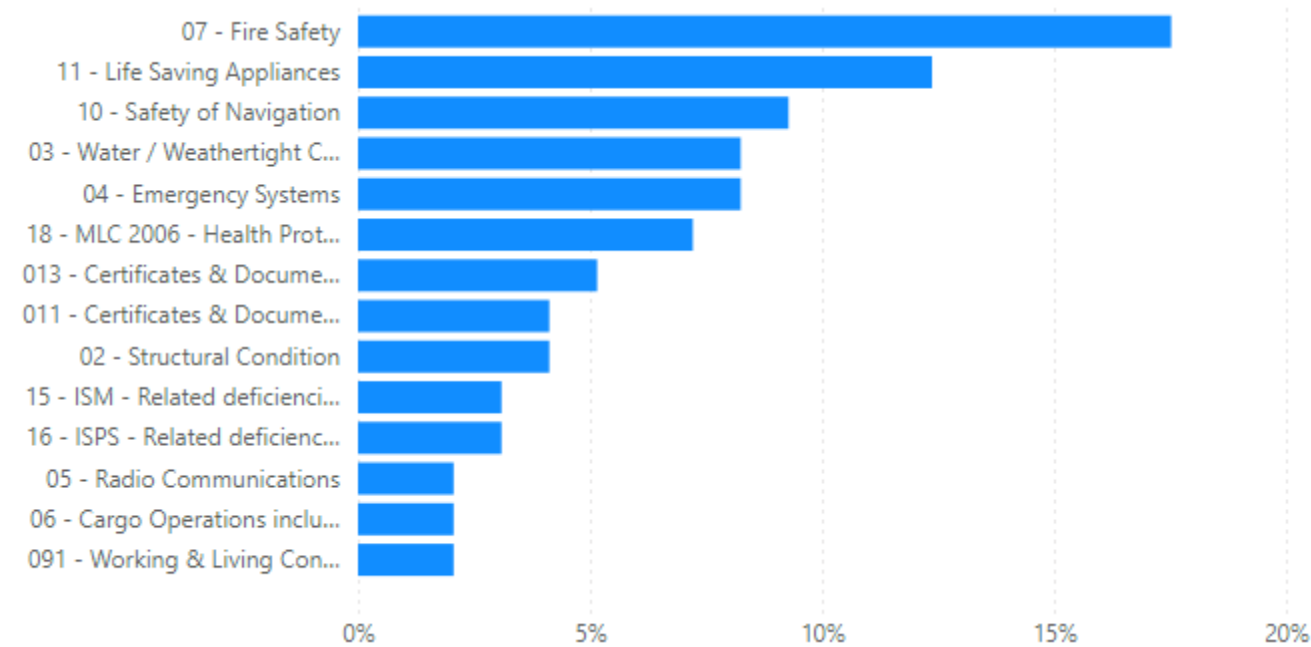
- Fire Safety
- Life Saving Appliances
- Safety of Navigation

The 2025 Paris/Tokyo MoU Concentrated Inspection Campaign will begin on September 1st and focus on Ballast Water Management. The associated questionnaire that will be completed by Port State Control Officers during this campaign may be found at the end of this notice in Section 5. Operators are strongly encouraged to share the questionnaire with their fleet and ensure all areas are reviewed prior to entering a port in the Paris or Tokyo MoU area until the ship has been subject to a CIC inspection. A ship will be subject to only one CIC inspection during this period

The Ship Registry advises owners to place particular emphasis on these risk areas during their own inspections to minimise issues during Port State Control. Any concerns/issues following Port State Control should be highlighted to the Ship Registry as soon as possible.

2. PSC Deficiencies – All PSC MoU Regions

The following chart shows deficiency areas requiring corrective action raised in all MoU Regions as a percentage of total deficiencies recorded:



3. PSC Deficiencies by Ship Type – All PSC MoU Regions

The following table shows deficiency items raised by code (Paris MoU coding system) by ship type in all MoU regions.

Deficiency Heading	Bulk Carrier	Cargo Ship	Commercial Yacht	Gas Carrier	Oil/Chemical Tanker	Total
011 - Certificates & Documentation - Ship Certificate	1	1	2			4
012 - Certificates & Documentation - Crew Certificate					1	1
013 - Certificates & Documentation - Document	1	3			1	5
02 - Structural Condition	1	2			1	4
03 - Water / Weathertight Condition	4	2			2	8
04 - Emergency Systems	2	4	1		1	8
05 - Radio Communications		2				2
06 - Cargo Operations including Equipment	1				1	2
07 - Fire Safety	8	5	1	2	1	17
091 - Working & Living Conditions - Living Conditions	2					2
092 - Working & Living Conditions - Working Conditions	1					1
10 - Safety of Navigation	1	4	1	1	2	9
11 - Life Saving Appliances	5	5		1	1	12
13 - Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery		2				2
141 - Pollution Prevention - MARPOL Annex I			1			1
144 - Pollution Prevention - MARPOL Annex IV	1					1
145 - Pollution Prevention - MARPOL Annex V	1				1	2
148 - Pollution Prevention - Ballast Water	1	1				2
15 - ISM - Related deficiencies	3					3
16 - ISPS - Related deficiencies	2	1				3
18 - MLC 2006 - Accommodation, Recreational Facilities, Food & Catering		1				1
18 - MLC 2006 - Health Protection, Medical Care, Welfare	3	3			1	7
Total	38	36	6	4	13	97

4. Detail of Deficiencies

Heading	Code	Description	Comment
011 - Certificates & Documentation - Ship Certificate	01104	Cargo ship safety radio (including exemption)	CSR Form R incorrectly filled as to duplication of equipment item.
	01104	Cargo ship safety radio (including exemption)	On ships engaged on voyages in sea areas A3 and A4, the availability shall be ensured by using a combination of at least two methods such as duplication of equipment, shore-based maintenance or at-sea electronic maintenance capability. PSCO observed that the ship uses shore-based maintenance and duplication of equipment, however one of the ship's recognized mobile satellite services was intentionally taken out of service without replacement and therefore the ship is not in compliance with its SOLAS Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate.
	01131	International Anti-fouling System Certificate	Incorrect form adopted for AFS Certificate
	01140	Declaration of Maritime Labour Certificate (DMLC Part I or Part II)	DMLC part I issued on 13/12/2022 by Isle of Man flag. Found on board not completed and signed concerning "substantial equivalencies" and "exemptions"



012 - Certificates & Documentation - Crew Certificate	01218	Medical Certificate	At the time of inspection, the medical certificate provided for in regulation I/9 for all seafarers on board, paragraph 3 doesn't include the date of the last colour vision test.
013 - Certificates & Documentation - Document	01308	Records of rest - Records of seafarer's daily hours of work or rest	Hours of rest recorded differently by each crew member, periods of non-compliance shown for a number of crew members and compensatory rest not clearly documented.
	01310	Signs, indications, WT door indicators	A number of the LSA signage does not indicate where more than one device is stowed in that location, the number of devices.
	01314	Shipboard oil pollution emergency plan (SOPEP)	SOPEP Contacts not updated to the latest version. Version onboard 2024.
	01315	Oil record book	Each operation described in paragraph 2 of this regulation shall be fully recorded without delay in the Oil Record Book Part I, so that all entries in the book appropriate to that operation are completed. PSCO observed that the Chief Engineer had not completed an internal tank transfer entry in the Oil Record Book without delay, as required. Chief Engineer made corrections to Oil Record Book during exam.
	01317	Cargo Record Book	Missing. Cargo record book is missing.
02 - Structural Condition	02103	Stability/strength/loading information and instruments	No evidence of stability book being approved by Isle of Man or RO. Stability calculations onboard do not take into account the Generator located on the Port Aft deck no accurate weight provided.
	02107	Ballast, fuel and other tanks	A number of self-closing devices for fuel tanks wedged open including: Emergency generator fuel tank, ME MGO Tank Purifier Room, Fuel Tank Starboard Forward. The clamps look identical to deficiency raised during attendance 16th March 2024. Weighted cocks for engine room double bottoms including oil tanks do not self-close.
	02109	Permanent means of access	At the time of inspection, several permanent means of access to enable overall and close-up inspections of cargo holds structure were found wasted and unsafe.
	02199	Other (structural condition)	The red line shall be painted in white or yellow on a dark background and be plainly visible. The deck lines on both port and starboard sides are not visible.
03 - Water / Weathertight Condition	03102	Freeboard marks	Water/weathertight conditions/ freeboard marks/ outside, middle and aft draft marks covered with fouling.
	03102	Freeboard marks	Deck line marks (both sides) not clear
	03103	Railing, gangway, walkway and means for safe passage	Handrails port side bent/buckled. Upright detached from deck.



	03104	Cargo and other hatchways	Damaged. Found both entrances to the pipe tunnel from weather deck not closing properly. Both had their closing system installed incorrectly.
	03105	Covers (hatchway - portable - tarpaulins, etc.)	At the time of inspection the following booby hatches were not closing properly and were not weathertight; cargo holds access no.1 P, no.2 P, no.3 P, no.4P, no.5P, no.6S, no.7P, no.8S, no.9S and fwd and aft duct keel access.
	03107	Doors	At the time of inspection, starboard side access door to foc'sle was found no closing weathertight.
	03108	Ventilators, air pipes, casings	At the time of inspection, port and starboard forepeak tank air vent automatic closing devices were found jammed in closed position.
	03199	Other (load lines)	Found multiple sounding pipes on weather deck not closing properly. Found most sounding pipes with loose caps. Found technical water tank with the manhole cover not properly closed. Found the sounding pipes for the sludge tank and for the dirty oil tank locked in open position.
04 - Emergency Systems	04101	Public address systems	PA system inoperative
	04101	Public address systems	Inoperative. The public address system installed to broadcast messages from the bridge into all spaces where crew members or passengers, or both, are normally present is inoperative. There is no public address system installed at the muster station, messages are inaudible.
	04103	Emergency lighting, batteries and switches	Some emergency lights off outside - not lit
	04108	Muster list	Muster list does not include all the required information including key substitutes and who is responsible for maintenance.
	04108	Muster list	In all passenger cabins missing emergency instructions.
	04109	Fire drills	Record of Drills within the official logbook for Fire, Rescue boat, enclosed space and deck logbook does not clearly document the type and frequency of Drills or specify that it is in compliance with the items covered by SOLAS III regulation 19.
	04110	Abandon ship drills	Starboard Lifeboats. last lowering and manoeuvred done in January (>3 months)
	04114	Emergency source of power / Emergency generator	Cooling water of emergency generator insufficient.
05 - Radio Communications	05113	SART / AIS-SART	Port SART Battery expired April 2025
	05116	Operation/maintenance	One of the required 3 portable VHF apparatus means of power cannot be verified due to packet being opened and terminals exposed, manufactures instructions confirm to replace once open.

06 - Cargo Operations including Equipment	06199	Other (cargo)	Rubber packing of #6 cargo hold opening damaged.
	06199	Other (cargo)	The last 1 meter of vapour piping must be painted in the sequence of red/yellow/red. All four vapour lines and not painted red/yellow/red.
07 - Fire Safety	07101	Fire prevention and structural integrity	Cable penetration between cable duct and accommodation not sealed in main deck
	07103	Division - main zones	Self closing drain valve Ref room not closing properly.
	07105	Fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions	A number of self closing fire doors as per the the fire plan secured open: Bridge self closing fire door wedged open, Emergency Generator Room door handle not secured (removable/loose), Galley Self closing fire door tied back
	07105	Fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions	A-class self-closing fire door from main deck to A deck could not be closed entirely.
	07105	Fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions	Self-closed fire door for the main stairway entrance on the accommodation D Deck unable to self close properly.
	07109	Fixed fire extinguishing installation	Paint Locker Fixed Firefighting Sprinkler system not operationally ready due to sprinkler heads missing. Engine room Fixed firefighting CO2 system activation pipework not operationally ready due to control pipework has been bent/crushed/brazed and no evidence available of this work being done by an authorised contractor.
	07113	Fire pumps and its pipes	The machinery and associated piping systems and fittings shall be of a design and construction adequate for the service for which they are intended. PSCO observed a significant leak from an expansion joint in the fire main in the Bosun store.
	07113	Fire pumps and its pipes	Fire-fighting systems and appliances shall be kept in good working order and readily available for immediate use. PSCO observed that the emergency fire pump was mis-configured, resulting in damage to the packing gland which burned and caused the space to fill with smoke. Once the packing gland had been loosened, the emergency fire pump leaked excessively.
	07114	Means of control (opening/closure skylights, pumps, etc.) - Machinery Spaces	Fire-fighting systems and appliances shall be kept in good working order and readily available for immediate use. PSCO observed that the control for the fixed foam extinguishing system was set to manual operation, which was contrary to ship's procedures, and was not available for immediate use.
	07115	Fire-dampers	STB engine room fire damper not properly maintained.
	07115	Fire-dampers	A hole found on the fire damper plate for the upper deck passage

	07115	Fire-dampers	Dogs for Emergency generator fire dampers stiff to move Port side aft
	07118	International shore connection	Four bolts of 16 mm diameter and 50 mm in length, four 16 mm nuts, and eight washers missing. Difficulty removing from bulkhead at time of inspection due to nuts rusted
	07120	Means of escape	Emergency Exit from steering gear one dog unable to be moved. Emergency exit from engine room being used as a store
	07124	Maintenance of fire protection systems	Not as required. Crew is not able to demonstrate the proper working of the flame detectors due to unavailability of it's testing equipment. Crew does not have proper testing equipment for the heat detectors onboard. No instruction manual could be shown to PSCO.
	07125	Evaluation of crew performance (fire drills)	Following items, such as but not limited to were observed to be sub-standard: Mustering was incomplete, ships/terminal/port authority in the vicinity not informed, life-line not used, ba masks not properly worn, areas above the fire not checked for hotspots.
	07199	Other (fire safety)	Lagging for exhaust pipe of main engine not fixed tightly
091 - Working & Living Conditions - Living Conditions	09106	Sanitary facilities	Sanitary accommodation shall comply with the following requirements: water closets provided with an ample flush of water, available at all times and independently controlled. PSCO observed that three toilets in the B Deck lavatory that did not flush.
	09130	Water, pipes and tanks	Sanitary accommodation shall comply with the following requirements: cold fresh water and hot fresh water available in all wash spaces. PSCO observed that no wash spaces onboard the vessel had hot fresh water available. Hot water was restored during exam.
092 - Working & Living Conditions - Working Conditions	09218	Protection machines/parts	The machinery, boilers, and other pressure vessels and associated piping systems and fittings shall be of a design and construction adequate for the service for which they are intended and shall be so installed and protected as to reduce to a minimum any danger to persons on board, due regard being paid to moving parts, hot surfaces and other hazards. PSCO observed open tank top to cascade tank, exposing hot surfaces and steam, and presenting a danger to persons on board.
10 - Safety of Navigation	10106	Compass correction log	No compass errors recorded between 8-21st June 2025.
	10109	Lights, shapes, sound signals.	The temporary sidelights were not fitted with inboard screens painted matt black
	10109	Lights, shapes, sound signals.	One of the Aft Mast Headlight not operational when tested
	10109	Lights, shapes, sound signals.	Inoperative. Found starboard side navigation light not working.

	10111	Charts	Nautical charts 118 (Genoa harbour) not up to date.
	10112	Electronic charts (ECDIS)	
	10127	Voyage of passage plan	Portable storage device with software for VDR unit not found in VDR main unit.
	10133	Bridge operation	As per the current ECDIS settings the vessel is moored in a non-navigable area. Vessels draught is 7 meters, water depth is 22 meters. Non-navigable area requires an additional risk assessment. No risk assessment is in place. Key personnel not familiar with the difference between white and blue on ECDIS display. Master instructed to provide extra training today.
	10133	Bridge operation	Lack of familiarity. Relevant navigational warnings received via Navtex, i.e. PA01, are not assessed and plotted in the nautical chart. No procedure or instruction could be shown.
11 - Life Saving Appliances	11101	Lifeboats	Leakage on freefall lifeboat gasoil engine supply line connection. Lifeboat to be cleaned (gasoil and sticky seats).
	11101	Lifeboats	At the time of inspection, free-fall lifeboat was found with wasted and perforated exhaust pipe inside the lifeboat habitable in way of side connection to the atmosphere.
	11104	Rescue boats	Rescue boat bilge pump (effective means of bailing) not ready for use due to suction pipe not being connected
	11117	Lifebuoys including provision and disposition	The lifebuoy with self-igniting light and buoyant lifeline near the accommodation ladder not provided
	11117	Lifebuoys including provision and disposition	Port Lifebuoy retroreflective damaged/deteriorated to a point where no longer assist in detection.
	11124	Embarkation arrangements survival craft	Embarkation ladder Starboard side not operationally ready due rotten at eyelet
	11130	Evaluation, testing and instructions	Every inflatable liferaft shall be serviced: at intervals not exceeding 12 months. PSCO observed that for the port, starboard, and forward liferafts, which were of the extended servicing type, the ship did not have any record of shipboard servicing at the 12 month interval.
	11130	Evaluation, testing and instructions	Launching procedure of life raft not posted under emergency light.
	11131	On board training and instructions	The free fall lifeboat (FFB) has not been manoeuvred in the water in the last three months.
	11131	On board training and instructions	Training Manual not ship specific as does not include information regarding the rescue boat particularly with regards to the change in engine (Steering wheel and throttle no longer utilised) and engine controlled from aft position

	11132	Maintenance and inspection	At the time of inspection, port and stbd side embarkation ladders were found not properly maintained.
	11132	Maintenance and inspection	Not properly maintained. The air bottles in the free fall life boat are not properly secured. The tension strap is not only loose it is also of an inadequate quality.
13 - Propulsion & Auxiliary Machinery	13102	Auxiliary engine	Port Auxiliary Engine Alternator Removed. No evidence available of class or flag notification and acceptance.
	13102	Auxiliary engine	Temporary Engine secured with lashing straps on port aft upper deck supplying power to the main switchboard via the shore power connection. Engine plaque shows engine is (at least)131kw in current configuration (As confirmed onboard). No reference of IAPP, No EIAPP or Nox Technical file available for the engine.
148 - Pollution Prevention - Ballast Water	14081	Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP)	<p>The master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of any vessel equipped with ballast water tanks that operates in the waters of the United States must follow these practices:</p> <p>Maintain a ballast water management (BWM) plan that has been developed specifically for the vessel and that will allow those responsible for the plan's implementation to understand and follow the vessel's BWM strategy and comply with the requirements of this subpart.</p> <p>The plan must include - actions for implementing the mandatory BWM requirements and practices. PSCO observed that procedures for using the installed BWM system were not implemented in the vessel's BWM plan.</p>
141 - Pollution Prevention - MARPOL Annex I	14104	Oil filtering equipment	OFE (as per IOPPC supplement) found dismantled at recirculating pipes system and inoperative.
144 - Pollution Prevention - MARPOL Annex IV	14402	Sewage treatment plant	High level alarm of sewage treatment plant holding tank malfunction
145 - Pollution Prevention - MARPOL Annex V	14503	Garbage management plan	At the time of the inspection, food garbage has been found in cold store which is not in accordance with the garbage management plan. This garbage must be discharged ashore before departure.
	14599	Other (MARPOL annex V)	Garbage record book not properly recorded
148 - Pollution Prevention - Ballast Water	14801	Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP)	No evidence of the Ballast Water Management plan being approved by Flag or Recognised Organisation
	15102	Company responsibility and authority	The company and the ship shall comply with the requirements of the ISM Code. The company



15 - ISM - Related deficiencies			<p>should establish procedures to ensure that the ship is maintained in conformity with the provisions of the relevant rules and regulations.</p> <p>The company should ensure: appropriate corrective action is taken. PSCO observed, during an expanded exam, the following: failure of the company and the ship to properly manage failing equipment, to include: INMARSAT-C, emergency fire pump, sanitary accommodations, and maintain proper security records.</p> <p>An external ISM audit is required prior to release from the detention.</p>
	15106	Shipboard operations	<p>The company should ensure that all personnel involved in the company's safety management system have an adequate understanding of relevant rules, regulations, codes and guidelines. PSCO observed that the Master and Chief Officer (the designated Ship Security Officer) were not familiar with proper security exercise and drill record keeping.</p>
	15150	ISM	<p>Corrective action taken on the ISM system by the company is required within 3 months. Deficiencies marked ISM are objective evidence of a failure, or lack of effectiveness, of the implementation of the ISM code.</p>
16 - ISPS - Related deficiencies	16105	Access control to ship	<p>No access control to the vessel, MCA inspector able to walk onboard and gain access to the bridge. No ID checks requested. Master instructed from today to follow the requirements laid out in its Ship Security Plan and the ISPS code in relation to access control</p>
	16106	Security drills	<p>The company security officer shall ensure the effective co-ordination and implementation of the ship security plans by participating in exercises at appropriate intervals, taking into account the guidance given in part B of this Code. PSCO observed that the security exercise record did not involve the Company Security Officer nor did it test communications, coordination, resource availability, or response.</p>
	16106	Security drills	<p>To ensure the effective implementation of the ship security plan, drills shall be carried out at appropriate intervals taking into account the ship type, ship personnel changes, port facilities to be visited and other relevant circumstances, taking into account the guidance given in part B of this Code. PSCO observed that the ship kept two different sets of security drill records, using different forms.</p> <p>Additionally, one set of drill records had identical drill descriptions four months in a row,</p>



			which did not take into account the factors required.
18 - MLC 2006 - Accommodation, Recreational Facilities, Food & Catering	18328	Record of Inspection - (accommodation)	Master instructed from today to ensure that frequent inspections are carried out as per the MLC requirements
18 - MLC 2006 - Health Protection, Medical Care, Welfare and Social Security Protection	18408	Electrical	Workshop electric arc welding cable defective.
	18408	Electrical	220V Emergency Switchboard Earth fault, Insulation resistance showing approx. 2 Mohms 220V Main Switch board Earth fault, Insulation resistance showing approx 0.8 MOhms Exposed cables left dangling above fluorescent light in emergency switchboard room Alternator removed from port generator exposed cables
	18408	Electrical	Unsafe. Found an unsecured and open electrical control box from the PA system outside, at the PS lifeboat.
	18416	Ropes and Wires	An aft hawser in service has broken strands. Not maintained in a suitable condition for its intended purpose.
	18424	Steam pipes, pressure pipes, wires (insulation)	The inspection port of fuel settling tank not insulated.
	18424	Steam pipes, pressure pipes, wires (insulation)	Inspection hole of fuel oil settling tank not insulated
	18429	Procedure for inspecting, reporting and correcting unsafe conditions and for investigating and reporting	At the time of inspection, main deck monorail overhead crane catwalk was found with wasted and corroded structure.

5. Paris/Tokyo MoU CIC Questionnaire

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON PORT STATE CONTROL
IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION



CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN
ON BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT
01/09/2025 to 30/11/2025

CIC on Ballast Water Management					
Inspection Authority					
Ship Name		IMO Number			
Date of Inspection		Inspection Port			
No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Detention
1*	Is a valid International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC) on board?				
2*	Is the approved Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP) on board?				
3*	Is the BWMP up to date to reflect the applicable requirements to manage Ballast Water as required by the Convention?				
4*	Are officers and crew familiar with their duties in the implementation of the BWMP?				
5*	Is the Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) approved by the Administration/Organization, as appropriate?				
6*	Is the BWMS operational?				
7	Was the Ballast Water managed according to the BWMP?				
8	Is the Ballast Water Record Book (BWRB) properly filled including exemptions if granted?				
9*	Is the crew managing Ballast Water sediments in accordance with the BWMP?				
10*	If an exemption has been granted, are the conditions of exemption implemented?				

If "No" is ticked for questions marked with an asterisk "*", the ship may be considered for detention