

# **St. Kitts & Nevis International Ship Registry**

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**Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration, Seafarers & IMO Member States**

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## **PARIS MOU NEW INSPECTION REGIME**

Saint Kitts and Nevis International Ship Registry would like to advise about new regime of port state control inspection launched by Paris MOU effective from 01<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

The Paris MOU will introduce a new port state control inspection regime from the 1st of January 2011. This New Inspection Regime (NIR) was developed to focus port State control inspections and to reward quality shipping, following are the key points of PARIS MOU New Inspection Regime.

- Ships will be targeted based on a risk profile that considers two elements- Ship Risk Profile and Company Performance.
- Ship Risk Profile (SRP) classifies ships into one of three categories: Low Risk, Standard Risk and High Risk. SRP assesses type and age of ship, number of deficiencies in previous inspections and previous detentions, flag performance and RO performance. It will also consider company performance and history of deficiencies and detentions of all ship's in that company within Paris MOU area in the last 36 months.
- High Risk Ship will be due inspections every 5-6 months, Standard Risk Ship every 10-12 months and Low Risk Ship every 24-36 months.
- Additional Inspections may be carried out between these intervals, for reasons such as reports from pilots, grounding and collision etc.
- Type of inspection will depend on the ship's risk profile; the minimum for a high risk ship will be an expanded inspection.
- Ship requiring an expanded inspection must give 72 hours notice prior to arrival in Paris MOU area port.
- To maintain low risk status, a vessel must have less than five deficiencies in each previous inspection and no detention during last 36 months.

Ship Master, Operator or agent of following ships are subject to an expanded inspection. They must notify 72 hours and 24 hours prior to their arrival at PARIS MOU Port or anchorage or before leaving the port / anchorage if the voyage between last port and PARIS MOU port is shorter than 72 hrs.

- All Ships with a high risk profile and
- Any passenger Ship, Oil Tanker, Gas or Chemical Tanker or Bulk Carrier, older than 12 years of age.

Saint Kitts and Nevis International Ship Registry would urge all ship owners' managers, Masters to ensure their compliance with new requirements of Paris MOU. It is our wish that SKN to stand out with better performance during next years, which is not possible without your cooperation.

For details please read through Paris MOU notice which is enclosed with this circular.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments: PARIS MOU NIR Press Release.