

CHAPTER 7

PORT STATE CONTROL

7.1 Examination of Certificates

The DOC and SMC are statutory certificates which will be examined, along with other certificates, by Port State Control Inspectors. Each ship should carry the original SMC and a copy of the DOC. The copy DOC need not be authenticated in any way.

7.2 Application

The ISM Code now applies to the following ships engaged in international voyages:

- passenger ships including passenger high speed craft
- oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and cargo high speed craft of 500grt and over and
- other cargo ships and mobile offshore drilling units of 500grt and over

and to the following ships on domestic voyages:

- cargo ships of 500 gt and over in sea areas EU Class A, B, C and D waters
- mobile offshore drilling units of 500 gt and over flying the flag of an EU member state, wherever they may be
- ro-ro passenger ships in sea areas EU Class A, B, C and D waters
- passenger ships in sea areas EU Class A and B waters

If after an initial inspection there are clear grounds for believing that the SMS on board does not meet the relevant requirements of the ISM Code a more detailed inspection should be carried out. Such an inspection may include, but not be limited to, checks on the following:

- company Safety and Environmental policy statement on board the vessel;
- master's familiarity with and understanding of the SMS;
- crew familiarity with the relevant sections of the SMS;
- clear statement in SMS regarding Master's authority;
- certification and training of officers and crew;
- familiarization and instructions for new joining crew members;
- shipboard procedures and instructions clearly laid down;
- programme of drills in place;
- maintenance carried out in a planned and structured manner;
- adequacy of language communication on board;
- validity of documentation; and

- system of reporting accidents, non-conformities.

Inspectors should also observe the guidance included in the Manual for Port State Control Officers and the Paris MOU Manual for Surveyors