



Memo No. TDM001-2022

WARNING NOTICE for NON-COMPLIANCE with the revised Merchant Marine Notice on Port State Control Analysis and Self Inspection Program

To: Shipowners, ISM Operators and Deputy Registrars

Reference: Unjustified non-compliance with the Self-Inspection Program

Issue Date: 9 November 2022

Revision No. 1

Memo Superseded: **Warning Notice for NON-COMPLIANCE WITH MMN-19-006r1 issued on 24th June 2021**

This Warning Notice is issued in virtue of the Directive 6 of our *Statutory Instrument 56 of 1991 (Disciplinary Regulations)* due to failure to comply with our enforced Self-Inspection Program.

As you are aware, the Self-Inspection Program along with its revised Annex 1 Self-Inspection Checklist was launched with the aim to provide an instrument to self-inspect Belize Flagged Vessels by its Master allowing the prompt identification of deficiencies and their rectification prior to a Port State Control Inspection as a proactive measure to avoid unnecessary detentions. This is considered a mandatory requirement and therefore, all Belize registered vessels must comply with this program with no exceptions.

In view of the above and in consideration that there are still some Shipowners, ISM Operators and Master's disregarding these instructions by the Flag State to full comply with this Self-Inspection Program resulting in a high number of PSC Deficiencies and Detentions, the Belize Administration issue this warning which came into effect on **1 July 2021** that any Belize registered vessel found in non-compliance with our *Revised Merchant Marine Notice on Port State Control Analysis and Self-Inspection Program* will be subjected to the imposition of a Fine in virtue of the Directive 7 of our *Statutory Instrument 56 of 1991 (Disciplinary Regulations)*.

Following the previous Warning Notice issued on 24th June 2021, any Shipowner, ISM Operator and Master who does not comply with the *Revised Self-Inspection Program* will be considered as a clear offense to the Administration requirements and therefore, the above-mentioned Directive 7 will be applied as follows:

1. A Fine of USD 2,000.00 will be imposed.

2. A Fine of USD 3,000.00 will be imposed if this non-compliance is found together with a PSC Inspection resulting with 7 or more deficiencies.
3. A Fine of USD 5,000.00 will be imposed if this non-compliance is found together with a PSC Inspection resulting in a Detention of the vessel.
4. A Fine of USD 10,000.00 will be imposed if the vessel submitted the *revised* Annex 1 - Self-Inspection Checklist and it is detained after 10 days due to the submission of false information.

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) strongly request that you take note of this Warning Notice to avoid the imposition of the above-mentioned fines.



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REFERENCES:

Directive 6 of the S.I. 56 of 1991 regarding Disciplinary Regulations

A written warning is applicable in cases of violation or non-compliance of any provisions of the Act or of any regulations made thereunder, or circular notes, or a violation of any of the requirements established by Conventions and/or Resolutions on Maritime Affairs, committed for the first time, provided the respective non-compliance or violation is not of a serious nature.

Directive 7 of the S.I. 56 of 1991 regarding Disciplinary Regulations

*A fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (US\$50,000) shall be applicable in all cases where the violation or non-compliance is of a serious nature or, **in the cases referred to in regulation 6 above, the non-compliance or violation has occurred repeatedly even though not of a serious nature.***