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Date: 21.10.2015
Attn.: Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. Authorized Surveyors
Shipowners
Ship Managers
Subject: Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. PSC detention Policy

Introduction.

In order to improve the compliance of Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. certificated vessels with International safety and environmental regulations, it has been decided to bring in measures to try to more effectively utilize valuable information obtained from Port State Control Inspections of different MUOs. In the event of a vessel being detained it is often an indication of a breakdown in the Safety Management of the vessel to a greater or lesser extent. When vessel is detained Shipowners/Manager should immediately inform Venezuela Register of Shipping Ltd.

The first detention.

If the vessel detained the first time within 12 months the Occasional survey should be carried out by VRS authorized surveyor or Additional ISM External Audit should be conducted in case of PSC requirements. If vessel was release without attendance of VRS authorized surveyor, vessel should be presented for survey in next convenient port. If deficiencies are ISM related, the ISM internal audit should be carried out by ship Managers within 30 days after release of vessel. ISM internal Audit report should be presented to VRS Head Office immediately after completion of Audit. In case the detention happened within annual/intermediate/renewal window, depending the scope and type of deficiencies raised by PSC the annual/intermediate/renewal survey should be scheduled in the next convenient port, but not later when one month after the vessel is released.

The second detention.

If the vessel detained the second time within 12 months the Occasional survey should be carried out together with ISM External audit. If detention occurs <u>within 3 months</u> after the first detention, Ship Owner should stop vessel for carry out appropriate maintenance and repair works under the supervision of VRS authorized surveyor or ISM/ISPS internal Audits should be conducted with follow up External ISM Audit by VRS Auditor. The penalty for 2nd detention within 3 months after the first detention is 1000 USD, which should be paid by Owner to VRS Head Office during next 30 days. If detention is Flag Related no penalty will be imposed. In case the Ship Owner is refusing to stop the vessel for appropriate maintenance and repair works VRS reserves rights to suspend Class or ISM certification of vessel.

The third detention.

If the vessel detained the third time within 12 months, even all abovementioned procedure have been completed, Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. will issue the official letter to the Owner, that as per Venezuelan Register of Shipping Ltd. Detention Policy the vessel deleted from the VRS's Registry book

automatically and Owner should start the process of Change of Recognized Organization at the port of detention. Flag State Administration will be informed accordingly.

Kindly be guided accordingly.

Yours faithfully.

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