

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS OPERATING WITHIN THE PARIS MOU REGION

SUBJECT: INSPECTION PROTOCOL – MANDATORY SELF INSPECTION PROGRAM

REFERENCE: CDP 501 – Flag State Inspection Program

APPLICABILITY: ALL VESSELS REGISTERED WITH DOMINICA MARITIME REGISTRY THAT OPERATE WITHIN THE PARIS MOU REGION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of all concerned the information and instructions to assist owners, operators, masters and crews to mitigate detentions and enhance Flag State and Port State Control inspection results.

01 January 2017

In response to the Commonwealth of Dominica's commitment to gaining "White List" status in the Paris MOU region, all vessels trading in any Paris MOU territory must complete a self-inspection checklist quarterly beginning 1 January 2017.

It should be noted that this program is designed to ensure that Commonwealth of Dominica vessels shall be fully compliant in restricted areas. It shall also be noted, that when deficiencies are discovered, they shall be immediately reported and this office shall be informed to create a mitigation strategy that will satisfy both the Flag State and Port State.

Our goal to be proactive rather than reactive is a joint effort to help shipowners maintain economic viability while also maintaining safe operation.

This requirement includes vessels that are authorized for "worldwide" trade regardless of frequency to Paris MOU ports. The following States are included in The Paris MOU region:

1. Belgium
2. Bulgaria
3. Canada

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4. Croatia
 5. Cyprus
 6. Denmark
 7. Estonia
 8. Finland
 9. France
 10. Germany
 11. Greece
 12. Iceland
 13. Ireland
 14. Italy
 15. Latvia
 16. Lithuania
 17. Malta
 18. Netherlands
 19. Norway
 20. Poland
 21. Portugal
 22. Romania
 23. Russian Federation
 24. Slovenia
 25. Spain
 26. Sweden
 27. United Kingdom

The master or other competent member of the ship's crew or office staff must complete the checklist found in the annex of this circular and submit it to: Inspection@dominica-registry.com before the end of each quarter. Please review the quarterly schedule below that will be in effect beginning 1 January 2013:

Quarter 1 – 1 January to 31 March

Quarter 2 – 1 April to 30 June

Quarter 3 – 1 July to 30 September

Quarter 4 – 1 October 31 December

If the checklist is not received by the last day of each quarter, a \$2,500.00 USD fine may be imposed and possible suspension from operation within the Paris MOU region and immediate attendance of an authorized Flag State Inspector may occur.

The Commonwealth of Dominica Maritime Administration would like to remind all vessel owners, operators, masters, and crew that if any portion of this checklist is found to be deficient, we will facilitate communication with local Port State authorities to ensure the ship is not unduly delayed or penalized. It is in the best interest of the Company to ensure that any areas that require improvement

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are made known to the Flag State so that appropriate action can be taken to ensure any parties that must be notified are duly informed in advance to avoid any delay, financial penalty, or prosecution.

Any questions relating to the mandatory implementation of this Self Inspection Program can be directed to:

Department of Inspections

Tel: + 1 508 992 7170 ext. 312

e-mail: Inspection@dominica-registry.com

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