

Recommendations

at the

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF ABUJA MOU MEETING OF EXPERTS ON PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS' MANUAL AND ABUJA MOU MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HELD IN DAKAR, SENEGAL , 20 – 21 SEPTEMBER, 2012

Syndicate Group 1 – Review of AMoU Port State Control Officers' Manual

The Experts in Syndicate Group I having considered the draft PSCOs Manual make the following recommendations to the Committee of Abuja MoU for its consideration and adoption:

Recommendations

1. Port State Control inspections on ships should be carried out at a time specifically designated for port State control inspection only, separate from any other national, revenue, health inspections etc. In this regard, only port State control officers should board the ship at such designated times.
2. The Ministers in charge of maritime transport of each member State should establish AMoU Port State Control Committee in their respective maritime administrations. For efficient and effective implementation of the PSCOs Manual, the membership of the AMOU port State Control Committee should include harbours masters of the respective Ports Authorities.
3. To promote transparency and harmonization of port State inspection practices, each member State should forward to the Secretariat their regulations and guidelines on fees, charges and penalties related to port State inspections.
4. AMoU Technical Working Group C on Domestic Rules and Regulations for Compliance and Implementation of MoU Obligations should as soon as possible develop AMoU Regulations on imposition of fees regarding initial and detailed inspections of ships bearing in mind international best practices.
5. Maritime Administrations should make available to their authorized PSCOs, the required hardware and software in order to commence immediate use of Abuja MoU Information System (AMIS).
6. The Secretariat should commence immediate training of PSCOs on the use of AMIS.

7. Maritime Administrations should employ qualified PSCOs or train existing officers to become qualified in line with the qualifications contained in the Manual.
8. Maritime Administrations should invest in continuous training of PSCOs through attendance at international and regional technical meetings, proper supervision and annual assessment of PSCOs through continuous assessment tests.
9. Maritime Administrations should structure and implement better and competitive remuneration for PSCOs given the level of expertise and importance of inspection and surveys to port and flag state Administrations.
10. Maritime Administrations should have a robust logistics support mechanism for PSC inspections department and their officers.

Syndicate Group 2 – Review of Draft Amended AMoU Memorandum of Understanding


The Experts in Syndicate Group 2 having considered the draft Amended Memorandum of Understanding did make the following recommendations to the Committee of Abuja MoU for its consideration and adoption:

Recommendations

1. The French text should be reviewed to reflect accurate translation of the English version.
2. The area of application of the Memorandum should extend to offshore facilities including FPSOs and FSOs for inspections by PSCOs.
3. Memorandum should have a section specifying the obligations or commitment of Maritime Administrations aimed at development of and sustenance of efficient and high performing port State departments.
4. Incorporate the establishment of other bodies of the MoU specifically, AMoU Bureau and the Intersessional Management Working Group (ISMWG).
 - Membership of the Bureau (Ministers only) to be increased from 4 to 5 member States for better representation of the region e.g. luxophone member States;

- The mandate of the Chairman should be a term of 2 renewable once, as members of the Bureau may decide
 - Membership of the Bureau to be rotational in alphabetical order among full member States.
 - The Bureau as the final decision making body to approve recommendation of the Committee.
5. A Portuguese text should be included among the official versions of the Memorandum.

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