



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION**

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The aim of this circular is to draw the attention of Shipowners, ships' Operator & Managers on Port State Control regimes, in particular on Paris MOU.

Action taken codes are filled in on the inspection form by Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) and are inserted in the computer database SIRENAC by them or by liaison officers.

The effect of the applied action taken is much far-reaching than informing the captain and "simple" storage in the computer (SIRENAC database). The action taken codes form a direct link between the port State control efforts under the various MOU regimes and the aim of the instrument of port State control as such "to target substandard ships with the main objective being their eventual elimination".

ACTION TAKEN CODES

CODE 10

Definition: deficiency rectified.

Application: this code is used when a noted deficiency has been confirmed to be rectified and the PSCO has checked and found to be rectified.

CODE 12

Definition: **all** deficiencies rectified.

Application: this code is used when **all**, and not most, the deficiencies listed in the inspection report are checked and found to be rectified.

CODE 15

Definition: Rectify deficiency at next port.

Application: this code is used when a deficiency cannot be remedied in the port of inspection. In such case the maritime authority may allow a ship to proceed to another port, if appropriate under conditions as determined by the port of inspection.

Combination of codes:

If PSCO decides to allow rectification of a deficiency at the next port, the next port is informed immediately (code 15 + code 40). In case the deficiency is a detainable one (code 30 + code 15)

and cannot be rectified in the port of detention, the **code 45 (next port informed to re-detain)** is used at the end of the report.

CODE 16

Definition: Rectify deficiency within 14 days.

Application: although, in principle, all deficiencies must be rectified before departure, code 16 can be used in case of minor deficiency, which, to the professional judgement of the PSCO, is not hazardous to safety, health or the environment and does not require immediate follow-up.

Attention: deficiency remains pending in SIRENAC database.

CODE 17

Definition: Master instructed to rectify deficiency before departure

Application: this code is used in case the nature of a deficiency requires rectification before the ship proceeds and the PSCO has informed the master accordingly (it is up to the professional judgement of PSCO to decide, on a case by case basis, if he has to return to the ship to check personally if the respective deficiency has been rectified).

Attention: *Situation 1:* code 17 and a second inspection.

During the first inspection the PSCO writes a code 17 in the inspection report.

If during a second inspection the deficiency is found to be rectified, this must be noted in the report in the following way:

Draw a strike (/) through code 17 and write behind it code 10 (deficiency rectified).

Situation 2: code 17 **without** a second inspection.

In the judgement of the PSCO the nature of the deficiency does not justify/require a second inspection. **Action taken code 17 shall be a point of attention to the next port of call.**

CODE 18

Definition: Rectify non-conformity within 3 months

Application: this code is used for ISM non-conformities of ISM related deficiencies.

A non-conformity means an observed situation where the objective evidence indicates the non-fulfilment of a specific requirement.

Attention: In case of an ISM major non-conformity, action taken code 19 is used.

Non-conformity remains pending in SIRENAC database.

CODE 19

Definition: Rectify major non-conformity before departure.

Application: this code is used for ISM major non-conformity. Major non-conformities have to be rectified before departure.

A major non-conformity means an identifiable deviation which poses a serious threat to personnel or ship safety or a serious risk to the environment and requires immediate corrective action. In addition, the lack of effective and systematic implementation of a requirement of the ISM Code is also considered a major non-conformity.

CODE 30

Definition: Ground for detention.

Application: this code is used to indicate the deficiency which is the ground for detention of a ship.

Combination of codes:

A code 30 deficiency should in principle be followed by a code 10 (deficiency rectified), to indicate that the deficiency which is ground for detention has been rectified.

If a detainable deficiency has been rectified by a temporary or provisional repair or substitution of equipment: Code 30/80.

In such case there should be indication when a full/definitive repair is to be carried out.

SIRENAC database filled in accordingly.

CODE 35

Definition: Ship allowed to sail after detention (ship allowed to sail after follow-up detention, see Code 36).

Application: Used when PSCO decided that the detention can be lifted.

CODE 36

Definition: Ship allowed to sail after follow-up detention.

Application: when a follow-up detention is raised code 36 must be filled in on the inspection form.

Attention: when a follow-up detention is lifted, the second port has to use code 36 instead of 35.

The second port cannot use code 35, unless additional detainable deficiencies are found.

CODE 40

Definition: next port informed.

Application: PSCO of the "next port" shall board the ship to check deficiencies to be rectified.

PSCO of the "next port" may carry out an additional inspection.

CODE 45

Definition: next port informed to re-detain.

Application: used in case when a second port is involved in the continuation or follow-up of a detention.

CODE 50

Definition: Flag State/ Consul informed.

Application: when a ship has been detained, the respective port State authority shall notify the flag State / Consul.

Flag State must be notified on every individual detention.

CODE 55

Definition: Flag State consulted.

Application: used whenever the flag State is consulted with regard to relevant deficiencies.

CODE 70

Definition: Classification Society informed

Application: Classification Society contacted or informed about a class related deficiency.

CODE 80

Definition: Temporary/provisional substitution or repair of equipment or exemption granted.

Application: self-explanatory

Attention: If a deficiency has been rectified by a temporary repair or substitution of equipment, limit date for definitive repair must be indicated.

SIRENAC database filled in accordingly.

CODE 85

Definition: Investigation in contravention of discharge provisions (MARPOL 73/78)

Application: self-explanatory.

CODE 95

Definition: Letter of warning issued

Application: Self-explanatory

CODE 96

Definition: Letter of warning withdrawn

Application: Self-explanatory

CODE 99

Definition: Others

Application: Code 99 is used if it is impossible to code an action taken with the existing codes.