THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
LIBERIA MARITIME AUTHORITY

Office of
Deputy Commissioner
of Maritime Affairs

Marine Notice

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TO: **ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AGENTS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

SUBJECT: **Measures to Maintain the Quality of the Liberian Registry Fleet**

Reference: **(a) PSC-001 Measures to Improve Compliance and Minimize Risk of Port State Control**
(b) Marine Operations Note 06/2026 Pre-Arrival Deficiency Checklist for Vessels arriving to Australia, China, Europe and USA

Supersedes: Marine Notice PSC-002, dated 03/25

The following changes have been made:

a. Reference (b) has been updated – revised prearrival checklist RLM-258 has been published.

PURPOSE: This Notice establishes measures to maintain the Liberian Registry's high performance of its fleet in the Port State Control regimes worldwide.

APPLICABILITY: This Notice applies to Owners, Operators, Masters, Ship Officers and Recognized Organizations (ROs) of Liberian flagged vessels.

REQUIREMENTS:

Based on the current PSC trends and risks associated with our strategic objective of maintaining a high-quality registry the Administration feels obliged to remind shipowners, operators, ISM companies and class societies of their responsibility to ensure that ships are maintained in compliance with all Liberian and International Maritime Regulations.

1.0 Measures

1.1 The Administration has increased the number of attendances to ensure that ships are in compliance with the appropriate regulations. Through regularly scheduled inspections, additional audits and the Dynamic Prevention Program (in-house AI risk software), parties, to whom this Notice applies, are informed about potential areas associated with noncompliance and that may lead to detentions or vessel control actions.

Inquiries concerning the subject of this Notice should be directed to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Republic of Liberia, the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry, 22980 Indian Creek Drive., Suite 200, Dulles, VA 20166, USA. The most current version of all Marine Notices are available in the Online Library at: http://www.liscr.com

1.2 The Administration has noted an increase in repeatable areas of noncompliance, which have led to ships getting detained within different PSC regimes. Consequently, in an effort to maintain our quality objective, the Administration has decided to establish the following additional measures effective immediately:

1.2.1 Additional requirements for vessels calling US ports.
1.3.2 Case-by-case analysis of inspection reports that show repetitive failures in the implementation of the ISM Code on board, requiring closer monitoring by the issuing entity of the SMC and/or this Administration.

2.0 Port State and/or Flag State Detention Analysis

2.1 If the vessel is detained, the case will be analyzed to determine the conditions that led to this result. If upon completion of the analysis, the Administration determines that the vessel wasn't maintained properly or did not rectify deficiencies found during a previous attendance, the ship may be cancelled or put in a different registration category, which could imply additional frequency of inspections and more costs for the owners or operators while being registered with Liberia.

2.2 Vessels which are found to have repetitive deficiencies during Flag or Port State Control Inspections may be considered for deletion from the Registry.

3.0 Pre-Arrival Deficiency Checklist for Vessels arriving to Australia, China, Europe and USA**.**

3.1 As an additional measure, every vessel calling US ports must fill up and send to the Administration at NOA@liscr.com a pre arrival check list at least 96 hours prior the calling the first US port ETA. For the checklist, which must be signed by the Master and the Chief Engineer, and additional information, please refer to **Marine Operations Note 06/2026**.

For vessels calling a port in China, Europe or Australia, the prearrival checklist must be submitted as soon as a port in the concerned areas is identified as the next port of arrival.

3.2 Preemptive inspections

Considering the vessel's dynamic risk factor which results from the PSC, Flag State Inspections (FSI) and class history, the Administration will determine the need to assign a Flag State Inspector to assist the vessel during its calling or to provide a Dynamic Prevention Checklist. This decision will also depend on whether the Corrective Action Report of the last PSC and FSI have been submitted and approved by the Administration.

In addition to the above actions, every bulk carrier or container ship over10 years old calling US ports could be subject to an additional inspection by a Liberian Flag Inspector at the last port before the first port to be called in the US.

Recognized Organization involvement.

If an inspection is required by the Administration at the first US port or the last foreign port a Liberian inspector is not available, the Recognized Organization responsible for the issuance of the statutory certificates on behalf of Liberia must be contacted to carry out an occasional survey to verify that:

(.1) deficiencies found in the past 12 months during Port State and Flag State inspections have been fully rectified;
(.2) there are no overdue Conditions of Class or mandatory statutory surveys; and,
(.3) provisions listed on any active dispensations are being complied with.

3.2 Additional Requirements

3.2.1 Masters/operators must send a copy of the Advanced Notice of Arrival submitted to the USCG 96 hours prior to reaching any US port. Please refer to **Marine Operations Note 07/2026.**

3.2.2 Master must input the correct port Code in the AIS for the first US port to be called at least 96 hours in advance. For vessels visiting several US ports, the subsequent correct port codes shall be submitted to the AIS as soon as possible.

Questions regarding this Marine Notice should be referred to prevention@liscr.com or telephone +1-703-790-3434.

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