



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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TOKYO MOU LAUNCHING REMOTE PORT STATE CONTROL INSPECTIONS (Circular NMC1.2021 (rev0))

PURPOSE: Notify all stakeholders of the Remote PSC (Port State Control) Inspection launched by TMOU (Tokyo MOU) on 01 April 2021 to serve as an alternative to physical PSC inspections where they cannot be performed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

1. TOKYO MOU Press Release – Tokyo MOU Launched Guidance on Remote PSC Inspection, dated 09 March 2021
2. IMO FAL.2/Circ.131 – List of Certificates and Documents Required to be Carried on Board Ships, dated 19 July 2017
3. Niue Marine Circular NMC2.2013 – Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)
4. Niue Marine Circular NMC4.2015 – Requirements on Carriage of Publications
5. Niue Marine Circular NMC2.2016 – Electronic Crew Certificates of Endorsement
6. Niue Marine Circular NMC5.2016 – Ballast Water Management Convention
7. Niue Marine Circular NMC1.2017 – Official Log Book Entry
8. Niue Marine Circular NMC8.2018 – MARPOL Annex V – Prevention of Garbage Pollution by Ships

APPLICATION:

This marine circular applies to all Niue flagged vessels that are subject to PSC inspection.

REQUIREMENTS:

A. PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOR A REMOTE PSC INSPECTION AS ADVISED BY TMOU

- .1 Selection of vessels for a remote PSC inspection is at the discretion of the port State Authority in accordance with the existing inspection regime, AND is not decided based on requests from the vessel.
- .2 Remote PSC inspections are not compulsory.
- .3 Remote PSC inspections, in principle, apply only for initial inspections, however, the PSC officer may conduct a more detailed inspection and even order a detention.
- .4 Vessels will not be subjected to repeated and/or consecutive remote PSC inspections.
- .5 The recording / reporting of remote PSC inspections will be distinguished from reports of normal physical inspections in the APCIS database.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS BY NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

The Niue Ship Registry believes that remote PSC inspections may focus on the carriage requirements of a vessel's certificates, publications, and documents and has therefore compiled a short list of recommendations that may assist shipowners in experiencing a smoother remote PSC inspection:

- .1 Ballast Water Management Convention – Niue Marine Circular NMC5.2016
- .2 Cargo Record Book – MARPOL Annex II Reg 15
- .3 Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) – Niue Marine Circular NMC2.2013

- .4 Electronic Crew Certificates of Endorsement – Niue Marine Circular NMC2.2016
- .5 Certificates, Documents and Publications to be carried on board vessels – IMO FAL.2/Circ.131 and Niue Marine Circular NMC4.2015
- .6 Garbage Record Book – Niue Marine Circular NMC8.2018
- .7 Official Log Book – Niue Marine Circular NMC1.2017
- .8 Oil Record Book – MARPOL Annex I Reg 17 and 36
- .9 Radio Log Book – SOLAS Chapter IV Reg 17

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