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STA Information Update – March 2021

New instructions to the delegation agreement

The STA has published an ISPS statement to be used when the RSO shall carry out the initial verification of the ISPS interim certification, available through our website. The statement shall be submitted to the STA after the verification has been carried out and the STA will proceed to issue the certificate. Further information is available in the STA instructions to the RSOs regarding ISPS survey and certification, applicable from the 1st of November 2020.

On the 8th February 2021 the STA sent out a Merchant Shipping Notice regarding compliance with the EU directive 2014/90 on marine equipment.

Existing agreement with instructions is available through our website:
<https://transportstyrelsen.se/ro>.

Workshop ISM implementation

The STA would like to extend our gratitude to the representatives of all ROs that attended our workshop regarding the implementation of ISM held on the 4th of February 2021. The STA appreciates the interesting and rewarding discussions and received valuable input. Attached is the minutes of meeting and the presentation made by the STA.

Covid-19 pandemic

The special actions and measures taken by the Swedish government and the STA due to the Covid-19 pandemic is published and updated continuously on our website: <https://www.transportstyrelsen.se/sv/Om-transportstyrelsen/vart-uppdrag-och-arbetsatt/covid-19-coronavirus/sjofart-och-covid-19/> The latest update made on the 4th of March 2021. Some of the information is available in English.

Remote surveys

As stated in the updated STA Notice Information regarding the Covid-19 pandemic as from the 4th of March 2021, the STA does not in general approve remote surveys, neither verifications nor audits. But due to the current situation with Covid-19 the STA is willing to accept remote ISM-verifications/audits, on a case-by-case basis. The procedure to be followed in these cases is that the RO does an assessment, if it is possible to carry out an acceptable verification/audit depending on the conditions at the specific company, which the STA then base its decision on.

If the STA accept a remote verification, an intermediate verification shall be performed on board within the following twelve months, i.e. there will be an extra intermediate verifications during the validity of the certificate.

IMO Fuel Oil Consumption Database

The STA has received remarks from IMO regarding the fuel oil consumption data for ships submitted in GISIS for 2019. IMO has identified a number of ships that were categorized incorrectly in the Fuel Oil Consumption Database in GISIS by cross-checking the data for submitted ships with IHS data. IMO identified ships in the "Passenger ship", the "Others" and the "Ro-ro cargo ship" categories that appeared to be categorized incorrectly.

Regarding this issue, IMO sent e-mails to relevant recognised organisations submitting data, to ask them to confirm the categorizations, and amend if necessary, on behalf of Sweden on the 7th of January 2021 and the 25th of February 2021.

The main issues found were:

- the majority of cruise passenger ships were reported under the "Passenger ship" category instead of the "Cruise passenger ship" category;
- a number of ro-ro passenger ships, which should be reported under the "Ro-ro passenger ship" category, were reported under the "Passenger ship" category; and
- a vast number of tankers, particularly chemical tankers and product tankers, were reported under the "Others" category instead of the "Tanker" category.

We therefore urge the ROs, when submitting data on our behalf, to check whether the "Cruise passenger ship" or the "Ro-ro passenger ship" category would be a more appropriate category before submitting data under the "Passenger ship" category. Please also note that different types of tankers should be reported under the "Tankers" category.

Information of accidents and dangerous occurrences

When the STA is informed of any accident or dangerous occurrence on board Swedish vessels, where the statutory certification and services is performed by the RO, the STA will inform the relevant RO in order for the RO to take further appropriate actions, if any and the STA would like to be informed about such actions.

Postponement of surveys, audits and deficiencies and handling of detainable deficiencies

The STA would like to remind you all that any postponement of statutory surveys, audits or deficiencies shall be notified to the STA, in accordance with the agreement. The notification should be sent to the STA without undue delay.

Further, any detainable deficiencies (e.g. most deficiencies regarding VDR) found on board a Swedish ship should immediately be notified to the STA. During regular business hours, the notification may be relayed to the STA RO team, but the STA emergency contact (+46 771 52 00 52) may always be contacted in case of detainable deficiencies found on Swedish vessels.

New STA system for survey and certification/supervisory system

The STA is implementing a new system for surveys and certifications for ships, companies, port and port facilities. We have the ambition to, as far as possible, automate the registration of data related to the RO performed survey/audit of Swedish vessels. For this purpose we therefore invite you to answer a few question and send us a file with structured information, please see attached information.
