

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS  
MERCANTILE MARINE DEPARTMENT



Principal Officer

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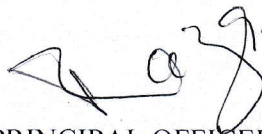
## **CIRCULAR NO.07/2021 (MMD)**

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR PORT STATE CONTROL INSPECTIONS**

1. Shipping Companies are responsible to submit a copy of the Port State Inspection report of their Pakistan flagged vessels to Principal Officer Mercantile Marine department by email at [info@mercantilemarine.gov.pk](mailto:info@mercantilemarine.gov.pk) within 7 days of inspection.
2. In case of deficiencies, the follow-up report must also be uploaded.
3. The Flag surveyor or a person authorized by flag will verify the compliance to the above reporting requirements.
4. Shipping companies must ensure within 15 days of the issuance of this circular that inspection reports of all PSC inspections of their vessels conducted thus far for the calendar year 2021 have been copied to [info@mercantilemarine.gov.pk](mailto:info@mercantilemarine.gov.pk)
5. When a Pakistan flagged vessel is detained abroad, the shipowner/ company is obliged to inform the Principal Officer Mercantile Marine Department at the earliest and not later than 24 hours from the time of such detentions. The scanned copy of the inspection report is to be attached to the E-mail. The communication should clearly state whether the vessel inspection was suspended or the vessel was detained or both, as the case may be.
6. Master of Pakistan flagged vessels is required to provide an explanation of the causes that led to this detention/suspension including lessons learnt. The explanation and lessons learnt are to be forwarded by vessels e-mail directly to the Principal Officer Mercantile Marine department using [info@mercantilemarine.gov.pk](mailto:info@mercantilemarine.gov.pk) along with the previous Master's review and handing over reports of the last Master and Chief Engineer, within 7 days of the release of the vessel from detention/suspension.
7. DPA of the detained/ suspended vessel is required to prepare a corrective and preventive action report within 15 days of the release of the vessel from suspension/detention and appear for face-to-face interaction with the Principal Officer Mercantile Marine Department.



8. Where a PSC inspection is suspended on the requirement of a detailed inspection and wherein the overall condition of the vessel and its equipment and crew condition is found to be substandard:
- (a) Owners/Operators shall carry out a complete Superintendent Inspection and an Internal SMC Audit of the vessel.
  - (b) All deficiencies identified during superintendent inspection and internal audit along with Port State Inspection deficiencies is to be rectified
  - (c) An Additional SMC Audit of the vessel is to be conducted by a flag surveyor or by a RO under flag authorization prior vessel leaving the port where the inspection was suspended.
9. If a vessel is banned by a Port State Control or by a specific Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) authority, the Principal Officer Mercantile Marine department may order:
- (a) A re-examination of the Safety Management Certificate (SMC) by the flag surveyor, resulting in its possible withdrawal.
  - (b) Proceedings to delete the vessel from the Registry.
10. In case a vessel is detained or inspection is suspended during a weekend and the vessel is expected to sail before the end of the said weekend, the shipowner may approach the Directorate General Port & Shipping or Principal Officer Mercantile Marine Department with all factual details, so that temporary support if needed, can be provided to the shipowner.
11. Shipowners/operators and masters are advised to be guided by the above.



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