

**CIRCULAR LETTER No. 4/19**

of MANAGEMENT BOARD OF POLSKI REJESTR STATKÓW S.A.  
dated 12 March 2019

on measures to minimize the number of detentions by Port State Control  
of PRS classed/certified vessels.

The following is communicated and is to be followed:

In order to ensure the adequate standards of safety of ships classed/certified by Polish Register of Shipping (PRS), as well as to provide support to the Flag State Administrations and International Organizations in their endeavors against substandard ships and Ship-owners, the Board of Polish Register of Shipping implements, on 12th of March 2019, a new policy for proceeding with ships detained by Port State Control (PSC) and their Owners, with special regard given to the vessels being subject to multiple detentions.

The new policy involves mainly an extended scope and increased number of PRS' surveys of such ships.

Principles of the new policy, given below, should be treated as general guidelines. Actual scope of PRS' proceeding will depend on the character of the deficiencies being grounds for detention. In all cases special requirements of Flag State Administrations will be taken into account.

1. The first detention of the ship within 12 months period

PRS reserves the right to attend the vessel, even if the inspection is not required by other Authorities and regardless the deficiencies being grounds for detention refer to scope of PRS' surveys.

In such case, during the inspection, the Surveyor will verify the rectification of the deficiencies and, additionally, the ship may be subjected to an extended survey, within the scope specified by PRS Head Office. If PRS issues the Safety Management Certificate (SMC) for the ship, the ship may be subjected to the additional ISM audit. After such visit the additional inspection or audit may be required if the circumstances require.

2. The second detention of the ship within 12 months period

PRS Surveyor/Auditor's visit will be required, even if it is not required by other Authorities.

During the inspection, after verifying the rectification of the deficiencies, the ship will be subjected to an extended survey, within the scope of at least annual periodical survey. Actual scope of the survey may be extended by PRS Head Quarters or by Surveyor on board after acquaintance with the actual technical condition of the vessel. In case PRS issues the vessel with SMC, additional ISM audit will be carried out. If PRS issues a Document of Compliance (DOC) to the Owner's Company, an additional ISM audit of the Company's Office will be performed. After such visit the additional inspection or audit may be required if the circumstances require. The results of the a/m inspection will be revised by PRS Classification Committee.

Failure to comply with the survey as above, unsatisfactory review of the additional inspection or audit after detention, or if measures taken by the Owner in order to prevent another deten-

tion will be considered by PRS as insufficient, which may lead to subsequent detention, PRS will consider the necessity to take further steps against the ship and Owner, such as suspension and invalidation of certificates or withdrawal from class.

3. The Circular letter No.3/09 dated 10 March 2009 on measures to minimize the number of detentions by Port State Control of PRS classed/certified vessels becomes obsolete.

4. The Circular letter enters into force on the date of signing.

Management Board  
of Polski Rejestr Statków S.A.

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