

FLAG STATE INSPECTION (FSI) (NMA_C16.2018.Rev.0)

PURPOSE:

To provide the requirements on Flag State inspections (FSI) for Nauru-registered vessels.

APPLICATION:

All Nauru-registered vessels shall undergo a FSI annually within six (6) months from the last statutory survey carried out by the RO, except for the following:

- 1) Unmanned barges; and
- 2) Private or commercial yachts; and
- 3) Vessels that have obtained waiver by the Administration.

REFERENCE:

a) Flag State Inspection Reporting Form NMA-19_FSI

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- "ETA/ETD" Estimated Time of Arrival/Departure
- "FSI" Flag State Inspection
- "PSC" Port State Control
- "RO" Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).

The term "Administration" shall mean the Nauru Maritime Administration.

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- 1) The Administration shall notify the ship owner / manager when FSI is required, and it is the responsibility of owners and Masters to present their vessels for timely inspection and advise the Administration on vessel's schedule, next available port, ETA/ETD and Agent information for arrangement of FSI.
- 2) The scope of FSI shall be in accordance to the Flag State Inspection Reporting Form NMA-19 FSI.
- 3) Preparations for FSI may include the following:
 - a) Navigation records, publications, charts, log books, Oil Record Book, Cargo Record Book, training records and all similar material must be available for inspection, preferably in one (1) location, such as the bridge.
 - b) The Minimum Safe Manning Certificate and the original Nauru Certificate of Endorsement of each officer serving on board must be conspicuously posted in or near the chart room. Similarly, the Certificates of Competency of all crew on board must be readily available as such data may be required by the FSI Inspector. In the case of passenger ships, the

certificates of all survival craft/rescue boat crewmen, in particular, must be available to the Inspector. In all cases, the FSI Inspector must be given a copy of the current crew list and, if possible, the ship's emergency station bill.

- c) FSI Inspectors have the authority, and have been instructed accordingly, to make a spot check of lifesaving, fire-fighting and general safety conditions covered by SOLAS.
- d) Master may be instructed to call in the RO for examination and/or verification as may be necessary to properly establish the conditions as they exist.
- e) The Master should have lifeboats uncovered and the vessel's fire-fighting equipment and appliances as maintained in their normal stowed positions ready for the FSI Inspector's examination. Sufficient crew should be on board and be prepared to conduct such emergency drills as circumstances may dictate and permit.
- f) The pilot transfer equipment should be accessible and in conformance with Regulation 23 of Chapter V of SOLAS.
- g) To facilitate the efficient conduct of safety inspections, one of the ship's deck officers should be available to accompany the FSI Inspector.
- 4) The Administration may grant extensions for vessels that are unable to carry out the FSI within the required time frame.
- 5) Vessels that fail to carry out the required FSI may result in the suspension of the vessel's registration.

For further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Administration at: flag@naurumaritime.com.

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