

CLASSIFICATION NEWS

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STATUTORY ALERT Port state control – International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships

APPLICABILITY Owners and operators of all ships

INFORMATION Classification News 27/2007 detailed the entry into force of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (the AFS Convention) on September 17, 2008.

Several port state control (PSC) administrations have advised that, following entry into force, their officers may conduct inspections of anti-fouling systems in order to verify compliance with the Convention.

A sample of the ship's anti-fouling system may be taken if necessary, according to the Convention's requirements. Ships which do not comply may be subject to detention.

All ships should carry on board the relevant documentation, such as an International Anti-fouling Systems (IAFS) Certificate or a Statement of Compliance.

We have been advised by the PSC administrations involved that if a ship has been issued with a Statement of Compliance this will be acceptable for up to two years, until it is replaced by the IAFS Certificate.

HELP US TO HELP YOU – if you are an owner or operator and require further assistance, please get in touch with your local Lloyd's Register Group office at the earliest opportunity and we will be happy to assist.

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