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Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table 2016-2017

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SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document contains information about the latest edition of the Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table (2016-2017)
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	1.2
<i>High-level action:</i>	1.2.1
<i>Output:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 12
<i>Related documents:</i>	None

Introduction

1 To complement IMO Strategic Direction 1.2 and High-level Action Plan 1.2.1, which promotes the active participation of all stakeholders to achieve the Organization's mission objectives (this includes enhancement in safety of life at sea and environmental protection), the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has published its latest Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table (2016-2017), available on the ICS website.

2 Along with the pdf version of the publication, ICS is pleased to announce the recent release of an interactive version of the table. Both may be accessed on the following link:
<http://www.ics-shipping.org/free-resources/flag-state-performance-table>

Aim of the Flag State Table

3 The ICS table is mainly intended to encourage shipowners and operators to maintain an open dialogue with their flag Administrations regarding any potential improvements at national level, which may be necessary for further enhancement of the safety of life at sea, protection of the marine environment and the provision of decent working conditions for seafarers.

Flag State Table criteria

4 The table provides an overview of the performance of many of the world's flag States against the following criteria:

- .1 port State control records;
- .2 ratification of major international maritime treaties;
- .3 use of recognized organizations (ROs) complying with IMO resolution A.739(18);
- .4 age of fleet;
- .5 reporting requirements; and
- .6 attendance at IMO meetings.

Source of data

5 The Shipping Industry Flag State Performance Table brings together the most up-to-date data and information available in the public domain, at the time of publication. When developing the table, ICS continues to ensure that the sources of the data used are objective and credible, in order to safeguard transparency and credibility.

Amendments and modifications

6 In response to feedback from interested stakeholders, including IMO Member States, ICS modifies and updates the criteria included in the table. In particular, ICS wishes to highlight that the 2016/2017 edition of the table contains an amendment to the criteria on "Use of Recognized Organizations (RO) complying with A.739(18)".

7 This criteria has now been aligned to the joint annual assessment conducted by the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the Tokyo MoU on the "Performance of Flag Administrations and Recognized Organizations", which is submitted annually to the Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) and contains a list of flag Administrations deemed to delegate survey work to underperforming ROs.

8 The table now identifies positively those flag States that do not appear on this list and which have also submitted their RO-related data to the Organization, in accordance with IMO resolution A.739(18).

Interactive version of the table

9 This year ICS has introduced a new interactive version of the Flag State Table (available on its website), which contains a search function that should help users assess the contents of the table in a more user-friendly manner.

10 This new interactive platform is intended to fully reflect the data and information contained in the latest pdf version of the Shipping Industry Flag State performance Table, which will continue to be published annually. It also allows users to compare and contrast the performance of up to four flag States at a time on a computer; three flag States on a tablet; and one flag State on a mobile phone.

Continuous update and improvement

11 In developing the table, ICS continues to liaise with, and receive input from, interested IMO Member States and other stakeholders. ICS also welcomes any additional feedback on how the table may be further enhanced or refined in the future.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

12 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided.
