



Risk Assessment Solutions

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Subject: Manually operated call points – Important Port State Control Issue!



Case: Recently, a cargo vessel faced difficulties during a Port State Control Inspection when the Port State Control Inspectors, while inspecting the Emergency Generator Room, observed that the Subject Control station was not equipped with a Manually operated call point. Finally, the vessel received the following deficiency:

“Manually operated call points not fitted at all control stations”

Analysis

In connection to the above, and in order to assist our clients to prevent complications during third parties visits, we kindly provide herewith the relevant SOLAS requirements pursuant to the above case. The *SOLAS 74/78, Chapter II-2, Part C reg. 7* reads:

“Manually operated call points complying with the Fire Safety Systems Code shall be installed throughout the accommodation spaces, service spaces and control stations. One manually operated call point shall be located at each exit. Manually operated call points shall be readily accessible in the corridors of each deck such that no part of the corridor is more than 20 m from a manually operated call point”*

**Control Stations: spaces containing emergency sources of power and lighting, wheelhouse and chartroom, spaces containing the ship’s radio equipment, fire control stations.*

According to SOLAS, each control station should be equipped with a manually operated Call Point. Clients are encouraged to ensure that the Emergency Generator Room is properly equipped.

Our company is offering a wide range of 'deficiencies', case studies, clarification on the PSC issues through our PSC seminar which is delivered on regular intervals in our office or in-house, at client's request.

To assist further, we offer our clients the service of assessing onboard if a vessel is in conformance with the MLC 2006 requirements or conducting inspections equivalent to PSC/Flag inspections to detect and prevent unpleasant occurrences!

We remain at your disposal for more details,

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