



Risk Assessment Solutions

## **“Prevent, Don’t Cure”**

**Circular 01/09/14**

***Subject: Certified number of persons onboard- Important Environmental Issue!***

Case: Recently, a cargo vessel, faced difficulties when the Port State Control Inspectors, while inspecting the “International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate”, noticed that the actual number of persons accommodated onboard was greater than the number of persons which the ship was certified to carry. Finally, the vessel was detained under the following deficiency:

“Crew members/ passengers onboard exceed the number of persons which the ship is certified to carry”.

### **Analysis**

In connection to the above, and in order to assist our clients to prevent similar cases, we would like to remind that at the “*International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate*” there is a clear reference to the Number of persons which the vessel is authorized to carry, in connection to the sewage treatment plant that the vessel is equipped with. (see the attached ***MARPOL Appendix to ANNEX IV Form***)

Furthermore, we would like to recommend to our clients to advise the Master of the vessel to ensure that the actual number of persons onboard is not exceeding the verified one and additionally to include this case as a topic to the monthly Safety Committee onboard.

Our company is offering a wide range of 'deficiencies', case studies, clarification on the PSC deficiencies 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 or through “Distance Assessment” if a vessel is in conformance with the MLC 2006 requirements or conducting inspections equivalent to PSC/Flag/Rightship inspections to detect and prevent unpleasant occurrences!

We remain at your disposal for more details,

**Prevention at Sea**