# CCS Technical Information

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To: Owner, Management Company, All CCS Branches

# Requirements Related to CCS Ships after being Detained during Inspection by Port Authorities

# I. General provisions

Further standardize requirements related to CCS ships after being detained during inspection by Port Authorities, ensure that corresponding survey/audit/inspection, investigation after detention and investigation of responsibility are performed timely and orderly, to improve the quality performance of CCS ships.

# II. Definitions and abbreviations

CCS Ships - Ships classed under CCS, and/or ships which CCS performed statutory surveys, and/or ships which CCS performed ISM audit, and/or ships which CCS performed MLC inspection. Ships with only company DOC certificate issued by CCS are excluded.

CCS Headquarters - Classed Ship in Service Department in CCS Headquarters.

**Repeated Detention** – Second detention within 12 months or third detention within 24 months, for a ship.

# III. Application

- 1. CCS requirements applies to:
- a) Ships classed under CCS, with detainable deficiencies related to the effectiveness of the class certificate;

- b) Ships which CCS performed statutory surveys, with detainable deficiencies related to relevant statutory certificates;
- c) Ships which CCS performed ISM audit, with ISM detainable deficiencies or detainable deficiencies marked related to ISM in the PSC inspection report;
- d) Ships which CCS performed MLC inspection, with MLC related detainable deficiencies.
- 2. CCS requirements shall be followed, if no requirements from Flag Administration or Flag Administration's requirements are lower than CCS requirements. The additional requirements from Flag Administration shall be followed, if Flag Administration's requirements are higher than CCS requirements.

#### IV. Obtaining and notification of detention information

- 1. After detention of CCS ships, regardless of whether a surveyor/auditor/inspector attendance is required by Port Authority, the company should notify CCS in time, provide the PSC inspection report and take the initiative to apply for survey/audit/inspection. It may result in class suspension, if CCS was not informed after the ship being detained or the ship departed from the detention port without completing required survey/audit/inspection by CCS.
- 2. Once received the detention information, CCS branch/office shall immediately notify the CCS headquarters and actively coordinate the arrangement of survey/audit/inspection.
- 3. CCS headquarters is responsible for regularly checking the websites of Tokyo Memorandum, Paris Memorandum and USCG, to obtain and confirm the detention information.
- 4. After received the detention information, local CCS branch/office is required to arrange surveyor/auditor/inspector attendance as soon as possible, regardless of whether the deficiencies have been rectified.

## V. Requirements for survey after-detention

- 1. All overdue survey items should be completed at the detention port.
- 2. If the detention occurs within the window of statutory surveys, all due surveys of statutory certificates related to the deficiencies shall be completed at the detention port before departure. Special consideration may be given by the CCS Headquarter if it is not feasible, and the Flag Administration shall be reported if necessary.
- 3. If the detention occurs outside the window of statutory surveys, in addition to survey items of

eliminating deficiencies, all statutory certificates related to the deficiencies should be surveyed in a scope of annual survey at least, and subject to the instructions from the CCS Headquarters. If the service of supplier is not considered necessary for confirmation or rectification of the deficiencies, the service of supplier may not be required by the surveyor.

- 4. The attending surveyor may expand the survey scopes based on actual situation onboard, and if necessary, a thorough survey shall be carried out.
- 5. The ship may be allowed to undertake a single voyage to next convenient port to complete the survey after-detention, if surveyor attendance is not able to arranged at current detention port due to objective reason, subject to approval from the Port Authority, the Flag Administration and CCS Headquarters.
- 6. A conditional or short-term certificate may be issued for detainable deficiencies are not able to be rectified immediately at current detention port, subject to approval from the Port Authority, the Flag Administration and CCS Headquarters.
- 7. If deficiencies are considered related to the implementation of SMS onboard, a PR17 report shall be issued in accordance with IACS PR17 requirements. The reasons shall be recorded by the attending surveyor if the PR17 report was not issued.

#### VI. Requirements for audit/inspection after-detention

- 1. When the deficiencies only related to individual clauses/elements of ISM/ISPS/MLC, the scope of additional audit/inspection is to focus on relevant clauses/elements, but not limited to deficiencies. The attending auditor/inspector may expand audit/inspection scopes based on actual situation onboard. When the deficiencies related to multiple clauses/elements of ISM/ISPS/MLC, the additional audit/inspection in scope of at least intermediate audit/inspection is to be carried out. The scope of audit/inspection is subject to the instructions from the CCS Headquarters.
- 2. All ISM related deficiencies shall be treated as non-conformities. It should be noted that the rectification of technical deficiencies does not mean the correction of non-conformities.
- 3. In principle, major non-conformities/failures/deficiencies should be issued according to the elements, for detainable deficiencies related to ISM/ISPS/MLC. If relevant deficiencies have been rectified and preventive/corrective measures have formulated before the additional audit/inspection, major non-conformities/failures/deficiencies may not be issued after auditor/inspector confirms to the satisfaction. If lack evidence of effective implementation for above mentioned preventive/corrective actions, another additional audit/inspection is required to be arranged within 3 months.
- 4. If the ship detention related to the implementation of the company shore-based SMS, CCS

Headquarters should be informed with relevant details, in order to confirm whether arrange CCS customer manager branch/office to carry out an additional DOC audit or a visit to the company. If the company DOC is issued by CCS, an additional DOC audit in scope of at least annual audit shall be carried out. If the company DOC is not issued by CCS, a visit shall be arranged by CCS customer manager branch/office. The necessary corrective/preventive actions shall be taken by the company and the implementation shall be followed up by CCS customer manager branch/office.

#### VII. Additional requirements for repeated detention

- 1. For a repeated detention ship, CCS has the right to suspend or withdraw the ship's class according to the objective deficiencies and the actual situation of survey/audit/inspection.
- 2. In order to control the risk identified, CCS Headquarters may initiate the individual assessment of target ship for a repeated detention ship, according to the objective deficiencies and the actual situation of survey/audit/inspection.
- 3. For repeated detention, or 2 and above ships in company fleet were detained within 12 months, CCS Headquarters will arrange CCS customer manager branch/office to carry out an additional DOC audit or a visit to the company. If the company DOC is issued by CCS, an additional DOC audit in scope of at least annual audit shall be carried out. If the company DOC is not issued by CCS, a visit shall be arranged by CCS customer manager branch/office. The necessary corrective/preventive actions shall be taken by the company and the implementation shall be followed up by CCS customer manager branch/office.

## VIII. Investigation after-detention and investigation of responsibility

- 1. The local branch/office which arranged the first attendance after detention, shall complete the investigation after-detention together with the survey/audit/inspection, obtain photographs of defects before and after correction as far as possible, and make a preliminary analysis of the detention reasons.
- 2. After receiving the post-detention questionnaire, CCS Headquarters shall make a preliminary judgment on the responsibility of the last survey/audit/inspection according to the CCS responsibility judgment criteria and the interval between the last survey/audit/inspection and the detention, and initiates the investigation of responsibility if necessary.
- 3. The reports of investigation after-detention and investigation of responsibility are only for CCS internal use and are not available to public.

IX. Additional requirements from the Flag Administration

When implementing additional requirements from the Flag Administration, the latest version of the

relevant requirements shall prevail. CCS will collect and update the additional requirements and

include them in the Guidelines for Implementation of Statutory Surveys (Part II):

http://expert.ccs.org.cn/index.do?id=m08

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