

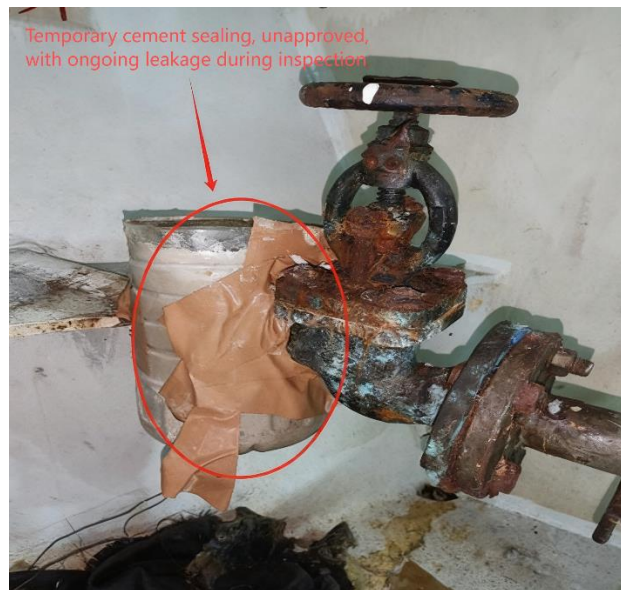
PSC DETENTION RISK ON THE DEFICIENCIES IN OVERBOARD PIPES AND OVERBOARD VALVES AT AUSTRALIAN PORTS

It has been noted that recently, multiple vessels have been detained during PSC inspections at ports near Great Barrier Reef in Australia due to overboard pipe leakage or overboard valve malfunctions. Although temporary repairs have been carried out on board for these leakage or malfunctions, the PSCO do not accept such temporary repairs without approval from the Classification Society.

CASE 1

Detention Location: Abbott Point, Australia

Detainable Deficiency: The boiler blowdown pipe (after the valve) is leaking and has been temporarily sealed with cement.



CASE 2

Detention Location: Gladstone, Australia

Detainable Deficiency: The overboard valve for domestic sewage discharge is malfunctioning, and the overboard pipe has been temporarily blanked off.



CASE 3

Detention Location: Gladstone, Australia

Detainable Deficiency: The boiler blowdown pipe (after the valve) is leaking and has been temporarily sealed with epoxy.



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY

- 1) For vessels calling at Australian ports recently, especially those near the Great Barrier Reef (including Gladstone, Hay Point, Abbott Point, Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, etc.), ship companies shall require the on-board crew to inspect and report on the engine room overboard discharge pipes and valves. If any leakage, damage, or temporary measures such as temporary build-up welding, cement sealing, epoxy sealing, or blanking with blind flanges are found that have not been surveyed and approved by the Classification Society, permanent repairs shall be arranged immediately.
- 2) If leakage or damage is discovered during the voyage and permanent repairs cannot be carried out immediately upon arrival at the port, the vessel shall apply for survey by the Classification Society after arrival. Any temporary repair shall be surveyed and approved by the attending surveyor. With reasonable grounds and a pre-prepared repair plan, an exemption shall be applied for from the flag state.

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