

CHAPTER 19

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

19.1 The Administration shall be satisfied with the operator's organization or any organization on which he may call in the maintenance of his craft and shall specify the scope of the duties which any part of the organization may carry out, having regard to the number and competence of its staff, facilities available, arrangements for calling on specialist assistance should it be necessary, record-keeping, communication and allocation of responsibilities.

Refer to the International Safety Management (ISM) Code adopted by the Organization by resolution A.741(18), as amended by MSC.104(73). The ISM Code is implemented in the UK by S.I. 1998 No.1561 the Merchant Shipping (International Safety Management (ISM) Code) Regulations 1998, as amended by SI 2004 No.302, SI 2004 No.2883, SI 2005 No.2114, SI 2006 No.2005, and SI 1997 No.3022 the Merchant Shipping (ISM Code) (Ro-Ro Passenger Ferries) Regulations 1997.

19.2 The craft and equipment shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the Administration; in particular:

- .1 routine preventive inspection and maintenance shall be performed to a schedule approved by the Administration, which shall have regard at least in the first instance to the manufacturer's schedule;
- .2 in the performance of maintenance tasks, due regard shall be paid to maintenance manuals, service bulletins acceptable to the Administration and to any additional instructions of the Administration in this respect;
- .3 all modifications shall be recorded and their safety aspects investigated. Where it could have any effect on safety, the modification, together with its installation, shall be to the satisfaction of the Administration;
- .4 appropriate arrangements shall be provided for informing the master of the serviceability state of his craft and its equipment;
- .5 the duties of the operating crew in respect of maintenance and repairs and the procedure for obtaining assistance with repairs when the craft is away from the base port shall be clearly defined;
- .6 the master shall report to the maintenance organization any defects and repairs which are known to have occurred during operations; and
- .7 records of defects and their correction shall be maintained and those defects of recurrent nature, or those which adversely affect craft or personal safety, shall be reported to the Administration.

19.3 The Administration shall be satisfied that arrangements are provided for ensuring adequate inspection, maintenance and recording of all life-saving appliances and distress signals carried.