

# Port state control and safety of navigation

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## 1 Sommario

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21 adopted in Paris in 1982 and amended in 2005  
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23 Port State Control. In this regulation underli-  
24 nes the importance of ensuring the international  
25 safety standards and the directive of European  
26 Parliament and European Council 2009/16/CE.  
27 Especially in recital (6) it is stated that:

28 Responsibility for monitoring the compli-  
29 ance of ships with the international  
30 standards for safety, pollution preven-  
31 tion and on-board living and working  
32 conditions lies primarily with the flag  
33 State <sup>2,3</sup>.

34 The audit can be about the certification and do-  
35 cumentation that the ship must possess (such as  
36 Safety Management Certificate, logbook, ecc). It  
37 also can be about the structure of the ship and  
38 in conformity with the international safety regu-  
39 lations (such as presence of double hull, proper  
40 functioning of life saving appliances, fire fighting  
41 devices, ecc).

42 When the audits are ending, the national autho-  
43 rity release to the checked ship a certificate which  
44 certifies the compatibility with the international  
45 safety regulations. This document has six mon-  
46 ths of validity. However, if the ships presents any  
47 kind of non-compliance, It's obligated to conform  
48 within a period established by the national autho-  
49 rities. If the national authorities during the audit  
50 remark some serious non-conformity, the ship is  
51 not considered safe and reliable and they must  
52 block it. These blocks will last until the prescrip-  
53 tion of the authorities are fulfilled and the ship  
54 is considered again safe and reliable, or the na-  
55 tional authorities will be forced to issue a serious  
56 measure which prevent <sup>4,5</sup>.

57 In last period were introduced informatics data-  
58 bases where the national authorities introduce the  
59 results of the audit, remarks, certifications. This  
60 database is shared with the other world national  
61 authorities.

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