

National Covid-19 Measures on PSC

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Member State	Actual status of inspection efforts	Additional measures in relation to planning	Additional measures in relation to boarding (eg. PPE)	Additional comments/ measures	Min. period, if imposed, for measures	Possible criteria for re-commencement of inspections, if appl.
Bulgaria	Continue with PSC inspections on Priority P1 vessels as per risk-based targeting procedures.	Comply with the instructions of the Health Authorities. Constant screening of all arriving ships by Maritime Single Window-Bulgaria, and other available systems and resources.	Prior to boarding inspectors must use protective gloves, mouth masks, protecting overall, no food or drink on board, no hand shake ,max. 2 inspectors + 2 crew members in one place keeping distance >1.5m , every 15 minutes cleaning hands with disinfecting gel.	ALWAYS consult with Regional coordinators and in case of doubt with National Coordinator prior to board the vessel.	Emergency epidemic situation until end of November 2021	PSC control inspections are resumed under the following conditions: 1. Compliance with the orders of the Minister of Health and the instructions of the health authorities. 2. Observance of the instructions of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (BS MoU) relating to COVID-19. 3. Before selecting ships for inspection, the regional coordinators assess the risk to the ship and if they determine that a ship to be inspected is not a threat for the safety of the inspectors, ship, the crew or environment , he appoints the inspector(s) to carry out the inspection. 4. During the on board inspection, inspector(s) shall wear appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment and observe the distance as these are stipulated in the orders of the Minister of Health and the instructions of the health authorities.
Georgia	All ships with PI status, PII and high risk carriers are inspected, after a verification of all risk factors regarding the COVID 19.	Upon reception of Ship's Prearrival information, all ship's and crew certificates are carefully checked electronically before the ship enters the port in order to reduce the time required for physical inspection in the port	PSC officers are instructed to follow the anti COVID-19 precautionary measures. Use proper PPE, keep social distance, do not shake hands, do not eat, do not drink, avoid contact with the environment as much as possible and shorten the time spent on the ship.	PSC officers don't spend any time in the office. They work from home and attend the vessel when necessary.	Until further notice.	
Romania	Only P I high risk, P I and overriding factor ships, after a verification of all risk factors regarding COVID 19.	In relation to planning inspection , we check all information regarding COVID 19, such as: last ten port of calls (taking in account affected countries by COVID 19) and keep it caution regarding period of 14 days from last port of call if the vessel come from an area affected strong by COVID 19 disease. Screening pre-arrival notification, agent confirmation info regarding health condition of the crew members on ship's arrival.	We use on board vessel protective equipment as follow: plastic gloves, mouth caps, protective suits single use. No shake hands, washing hands before and after, distance 2 m in close space, one inspector per inspection, avoid food and drink on board.	A communication mode was implemented under specific conditions of the pandemic (not face to face), between Romanian PSC National Coordinator and PSC Inspectors, for ship's inspection distribution. Every morning PSC National Coordinator organizes a teleconference with inspectors group, before gets on board ship.	Until further notice.	Romania PSC inspection, regarding Covid 19, are carried out under following conditions: Compliance with Minister of Health and local health authorities instructions; According IMO, ILO and Paris MoU resolutions, circulars, instructions; Before selecting ships for inspection, National coordinator assesses the risk of the ship and decide if will be inspected by PSCO; During inspection PSCO shall wear appropriate personal protective equipment and all necessary precautions measures according instructions for the prevention of Covid 19 diseases.

Russian Federation	Inspections are resumed in the normal way taking into account whether the conduct of the inspection would create a risk to the safety of the ship, inspectors, its crew or to the port.	Screening via pre-arrival notification and information received from local Health Authorities (arrived vessels crewmembers body temperature control and any signs of epidemic disease on board as well as Report of Disinfection made on vessels arriving to roadstead or berth by Health Authorities representatives)	We instruct our PSC Officers that is forbidden to have food and drink on board, no hand shake, all meetings in Master's cabin max. 2 inspectors with two crew member's staff with proper distancing > 1,5m. After leaving cleaning hands with disinfecting materials before and after. PSC Officers are instructed to use PPE (medical mask, plastic gloves) during vessels' inspections. For indoor inspection we advice our PSC Officers to follow Disinfection report issued by Health Authorities to avoid vessel's zones which are not disinfected.	Domestic vessels continue to be inspected after requisite health authority check/risk assessment. For foreign vessels - PSC Officers have been instructed to collect vessel crewmember body's temperature chart and Report of Disinfection upon arrival to the port. For any doubts Emergency list of contact of local Health Organizations for notification and consulting shall be used.	Until further notice.	
Turkey	Flexible/rotational work system has also been implementing in Harbor Master Offices, including PSCOs as well, in accordance with the Presidency Circular on "Measures for Government Workers in Scope of Covid 19" issued latest. However, Flag and Port State Inspections seriously continue in the normal period by taking the necessary safety and health measures.	All foreign flagged ships visiting the Turkish ports should submitted a "MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH" to the Ministry of Health (Directorate General of Health for Border and Coastal Areas of Turkey). The relevant PSC office contacts with the ship agent about result of the relevant ship's health inspection result before carrying out a PSC inspection. The PSC inspections should be carried out after finish ships' health inspections.	The PSC inspections should be carried out in compliance with mask, social distance (>1.5m) and hygiene rules, in addition to use of PPEs. Minimum contact and avoiding food and drink on board should be provided. The PSC inspectors should also be careful about that ship crew members also in compliance with the health rules and use of PPEs.	In line with the health decisions of the National Science Board (under the Ministry of Health) and the Provincial Pandemic Committees about situation of Covid-19 pandemic, additional measures can be taken and the PSC activities may be re-organized.	Until further notice.	
Ukraine	Inspections are carried out in a normal way	Screening via pre-arrival notification	PSC Officers are instructed to follow the anti COVID-19 precautionary measures. Using of personal protective equipment.		Until further notice.	