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Draft amendments to the “Procedures for Port State Control, 2025”

The Procedures for Port State Control, 2025 A.1206(34), while not mandatory, are widely implemented and referenced by regional Port State Control (PSC) regimes (e.g. Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU) and are regarded as the global benchmark for PSC inspections. The Procedures are typically revised every two years to reflect amendments to IMO instruments and evolving inspection practices.

The following proposals for the 2027 revision of the PSC Procedures were considered and progressed as follows:

- A new appendix providing harmonized guidance for Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) on the inspection of ship machinery and maintenance systems.

It is recognized that machinery-space inspections and the assessment of maintenance arrangements can be technically challenging, and that the current PSC Procedures lack detailed guidance in this area. Dedicated guidance to support more consistent and effective inspections has been developed.

- Amendments to section 1.9 of the PSC Procedures concerning PSCO qualifications.

It was discussed that requiring a PSCO to be qualified as a flag State surveyor may unnecessarily be restrictive. However, it was emphasized that the issue was not whether PSCOs should be competent, as the need for competent PSCOs worldwide was undisputed, but rather the appropriate minimum entry requirements and training pathways for officers entering the PSC system.

- Draft appendix 21 covers list of instruments relevant to PSC Procedures.

The list includes but is not limited to MEPC.400(83) Amendments to the 2021 Guidelines on the operational carbon intensity reduction factors relative to reference lines (CII reduction factors guidelines, G3), A.1204(34) Code on Alerts and Indicators, 2025 etc.

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However, due to time constraints, the work could not be completed during the session and will continue intersessionally, with finalization currently expected at III 13 (July 2027). Once finalized the revised PSC Procedures are expected to be implemented from 1 January 2028.

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- Procedures for Port State Control, 2025 A.1206(349

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