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*Order no. 1511 of 13 December 2019
issued by the Danish Maritime Authority*

Order amending the Order on port State control of ships¹

Section 1

Order no. 262 of 9 April 2018 on port State control of ships is amended as follows:

1. The introduction is worded as follows:

“In pursuance of section 1(3), section 3(1)(i)-(vii) and (x) and subsection (2), section 8 a, section 16(3), section 20(1), section 20 a(3), and section 32(9) of the Act on Safety at Sea (*lov om sikkerhed til søs*), see Consolidated Act no. 1629 of 17 December 2018, and following negotiations with the Minister of Defence, the following provisions are laid down as authorised under section 1(1)(iii) of Order no. 744 of 24 June 2013 on the transfer of certain powers to the Danish Maritime Authority and on the right of appeal, etc.:”

2. In Annex 1, Article 2, the following new points are inserted after point 24:

- “(25) ‘ro-ro passenger ship’ means a ship with facilities to enable road or rail vehicles to roll on and roll off the vessel, and carrying more than 12 passengers;
- “(26) ‘high-speed passenger craft’ means a craft as defined in Regulation 1 of Chapter X of SOLAS 74, and carrying more than 12 passengers;
- “(27) ‘regular service’ means a series of ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft crossings operated so as to serve traffic between the same two or more ports, or a series of voyages from and to the same port without intermediate calls, either:
 - (i) according to a published timetable; or
 - (ii) with crossings so regular or frequent that they constitute a recognisable systematic series.”

3. In Annex 1, Article 3(1), the following is inserted as a new sentence after the first sentence:

“This Directive shall also apply to inspections of ro-ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft carried out outside a port or away from an anchorage during a regular service in accordance with Article 14a.”

4. In Annex 1, Article 13, the introductory phrase is worded as follows:

“Member States shall ensure that ships which are selected for inspection in accordance with Article 12 or Article 14a are subject to an initial inspection or a more detailed inspection as follows:”

5. In Annex 1, the following is inserted after Article 14:

“Article 14a

¹ This Order contains provisions implementing parts of Directive (EU) 2017/2110 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 on a system of inspections for the safe operation of ro-ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft in regular service and amending Directive 2009/16/EC and repealing Council Directive 1999/35/EC, Official Journal 2017, no. L 315, page 61.

Inspection of ro-ro passenger ships and high speed passenger craft in regular service

1. Ro-ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft operating on a regular service are eligible for inspections in accordance with the time frame and other requirements set out in Annex XVII.
2. Member States shall, when planning inspections of a ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft, take due account of the operational and maintenance schedule of the ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft.
3. When a ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft has been subject to an inspection in accordance with Annex XVII, such inspection shall be recorded in the inspection database, and shall be taken into account for the purposes of Articles 10, 11 and 12 and for calculating the fulfillment of the inspection commitment of each Member State. It shall be included in the total number of annual inspections carried out by each Member State, provided for in Article 5.
4. Article 9(1), Article 11(a) and Article 14 shall not apply to ro-ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft on a regular service inspected under this Article.
5. The competent authority shall ensure that the ro-ro passenger ships or high-speed passenger craft that are subject to an additional inspection in accordance with Article 11(b) are selected for inspection in accordance with Annex I, Part II 3A(c) and 3B(c). Inspections carried out under this paragraph shall not affect the inspection interval provided for in paragraph 2 of Annex XVII.
6. The inspector of the competent authority of the port State may agree to be accompanied, during an inspection of a ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft, by a port State inspector of another Member State acting as an observer. Where the flag of the vessel is that of a Member State, the port State shall, upon request, invite a representative of the flag State to accompany the inspection as an observer.”

6. Annex 1, Article 15(3) is repealed.

7. Annex 1, Article 16(1) is worded as follows:

- “1. A Member State shall refuse access to its ports and anchorages to any ship which:
- flies the flag of a State whose detention rate falls into the black list, adopted in accordance with the Paris MOU on the basis of information recorded in the inspection database and published annually by the Commission, and has been detained more than twice in the course of the preceding 36 months in a port or anchorage of a Member State or of a State signatory of the Paris MOU, or
 - flies the flag of a State whose detention rate falls into the grey list, adopted in accordance with the Paris MOU on the basis of information recorded in the inspection database and published annually by the Commission, and has been detained more than twice in the course of the preceding 24 months in a port or anchorage of a Member State or of a State signatory of the Paris MOU.

The first subparagraph shall not apply to the situations described in Article 21(6).

The refusal of access shall be applicable as soon as the ship leaves the port or anchorage where it has been the subject of a third detention and where a refusal of access order has been issued.”

8. In Annex 1 the following is inserted after ANNEX XVI:

“ANNEX XVII

Inspection of ro-ro passenger ships and high speed passenger craft on a regular service

1.1. Before a ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft starts to operate on a regular service covered by this Directive, Member States shall carry out an inspection, in accordance with Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/2110 (*), to ensure that that ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft fulfills the necessary requirements for the safe operation of a regular service.

1.2. When a ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft is to be engaged on a regular service, the Member State concerned may take into account inspections carried out within the last 8 months by another Member State in respect of that ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft for operations on another regular service covered by this Directive, provided that the Member State is satisfied in every case that those previous inspections are relevant to the new operational conditions and that during those inspections the necessary requirements for the safe operation of a regular service were fulfilled. The inspections provided for in point 1.1 do not need to be applied before the ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft starts operating on the new regular service.

1.3. Where, due to unforeseen circumstances, there is an urgent need for the rapid introduction of a replacement ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft to ensure continuity of service, and point 1.2 is not applicable, the Member State may allow the passenger ship or craft to start operating provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) a visual inspection and document check raise no concerns that the ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft does not fulfill the necessary requirements for safe operation; and
- (b) the Member State completes the inspection provided for in Article 3(1) of Directive (EU) 2017/2110 within 1 month.

2. Member States shall, once per year, but not before 4 months and not later than 8 months following the previous inspection, carry out:

- (a) an inspection, including the requirements of Annex II to Directive (EU) 2017/2110 and of Commission Regulation (EU) No 428/2010 (**) as applicable; and
- (b) an inspection during a regular service. This inspection shall cover the items listed in Annex III to Directive (EU) 2017/2110 and what, in the professional judgment of the inspector, constitutes a sufficient number of the items listed in Annexes I and II to Directive (EU) 2017/2110, to ensure that the ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft continues to fulfill all the necessary requirements for safe operation.

3. Where a ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft has not been inspected in accordance with point 2, the ro-ro passenger ship or high-speed passenger craft shall be considered to be Priority I.

4. An inspection in accordance with point 1.1 shall be considered to be an inspection for the purposes of point 2(a) of this Annex.”

Section 2

This Order enters into force on 21 December 2019.

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