



# *PSCircular 74*

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## **GUIDANCE ON PSC INSPECTION ON SHIPS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSPECTION AND THAT ARE LAID-UP**

1. If during the period of the lay-up a ship becomes eligible for an inspection it must be inspected before leaving the port or anchorage.
2. A ship should not be inspected whilst laid-up and the inspection should be carried out after re-commissioning by the company/flag/RO.
3. Therefore, the port State should take necessary steps to get more detailed information about the current situation and especially when the ship will be put back into service in order to arrange and prepare an inspection.
4. The port State should inform the company or master or agent that a PSC inspection has to be carried out before the ship will leave the port or anchorage. The company should notify the port State about the reactivation of the ship.
5. Depending on the length of the lay-up, some flag States may require an inspection by a Recognized Organization before the ship is put back into service. After completion, the flag State or RO will ensure that the ship is fully certificated and satisfies national and international regulations. Port States are advised to seek contact with the responsible flag State or RO to gather more detailed information in order to ensure that the ship is correctly certificated before departure.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.9 Guidelines for the Reactivation of the Safety Management Certificate following an operational interruption of the Safety Management System due to Lay-up over a certain period.