



MANDATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, STRATEGIC COOPERATION, AND CREW WELFARE OVERSIGHT

Reference: SKN Maritime Circular MC 154 26, Dated 22 May 2026

To: All appointed Flag State Inspectors (FSIs), Recognized Organizations, Shipowners and Technical Managers of Saint Kitts and Nevis-flagged vessels

The St. Kitts and Nevis International Ship Registry (SKAN Reg) has issued Maritime Circular MC 154 26 on 22 May 2026, advising all appointed Flag State Inspectors (FSIs) of mandatory enforcement measures and enhanced inspection requirements necessary to improve the performance and oversight of vessels operating under the St. Kitts & Nevis flag. This Technical Note summarises the principal points of the Circular for information.

1. Background

Recent findings in the 2025 Tokyo MOU Annual Report indicate that fleet performance has not demonstrated meaningful improvement, with the flag remaining within the low-performance/black-listed categories. The Administration therefore directs all Flag State Inspectors to apply stricter inspection standards and increased scrutiny in areas frequently identified as deficiencies during recent Port State Control (PSC) inspections.

2. Mandatory Inspection Focus Areas

All appointed Flag State Inspectors are instructed to conduct more stringent inspections, focusing on safety of navigation (bridge discipline, passage planning, ECDIS use), critical safety equipment (zero tolerance for defects in lifeboats, fire pumps and emergency systems), technical maintenance of structural and machinery conditions, and crew performance and welfare under the MLC - including timely payment of wages, mandated rest hours and repatriation procedures. There has been a noticeable increase in crew complaints to the ITF and/or PSC, primarily relating to insufficient rest hours and failure to pay salaries monthly.

3. Reporting and Enforcement

Flag State Inspectors must maintain proactive communication with the Technical Department and report any deficiencies affecting compliance, crew welfare or environmental protection immediately. Failure to properly enforce these requirements or to report deficiencies in a timely manner may be considered non-compliance with delegated responsibilities, and the authorisation of a Flag State Inspector may be suspended or withdrawn where appropriate.

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- Inspections must focus on safety of navigation, critical safety equipment, technical maintenance and MLC crew welfare compliance.
- Any deficiencies affecting compliance, crew welfare or environmental protection must be reported to the Technical Department immediately.

Requirement	Effective Date / Status
Critical safety equipment (lifeboats, fire pumps, emergency systems)	Absolute zero tolerance for defects
Crew performance and welfare (MLC)	Increased scrutiny of wages, rest hours and repatriation procedures
Deficiencies affecting compliance, crew welfare or environment	Must be notified to the Technical Department immediately, without delay

4. Action Required

Flag State Inspectors, Recognized Organizations, Shipowners and Technical Managers should apply stricter inspection standards in the identified focus areas, maintain proactive communication with the Technical Department, and ensure prompt reporting of deficiencies and vessel calls within their region. Reports and related correspondence should be submitted to enquiries@skanregistry.com or FSI@skanregistry.com.

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