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SUBJECT: 2020 U.S. Coast Guard Port State Control Annual Report

The U.S. Coast Guard released their PSC 2020 Annual report today summarizing the enforcement of SOLAS, MARPOL, and other international conventions on foreign vessels trading in the US. The Report can be found at the following hyperlink: [U.S. Port State Control Annual Report for 2020](#)

We encourage everyone to take the time to read the report, as it contains valuable insight on how the Coast Guard carries out its PSC role, as well as areas that your ships can focus on to prevent issues when visiting the U.S.

Some highlights include:

- Arrivals and detentions were down this year.
- Fire Safety (35%), Safety Management Systems (26%), and Lifesaving (6%) were the leading causes of detentions.
- The number of vessels enrolled in Qualship 21 and E-Zero has increased. This report provides amplifying information on how to apply.
- Bolivia and Cyprus were added to the targeted list of Flag Administrations and no Flags were removed this year
- The formal appeal process is highlighted in the report. Three appeals based on the merit of the detention were received by the Coast Guard and all three were denied. Merit appeals are typically filed by Ship Management companies.
- There were nine appeals requesting removal of a party's association, which are typically filed by Recognized Organizations, as their targeting numbers are derived from their association to vessels that are detained. From those nine, seven were granted and two denied by the Coast Guard.
- Leading cause of Ballast Water Management (BWM) deficiencies were from inoperable BWM Systems followed by incomplete BWM Plans and failure to follow the reporting procedures to the NBIC.
- Various enforcement actions were used by the Coast Guard for BWM. The majority of enforcement actions were issued to operators for illegal discharge of untreated ballast water, failing to report inoperable systems to the nearest COTP and/or District Commander, and failing to make timely reports to the NBIC.

Should you have any questions regarding ballast water management, please contact our office. This Client Advisory, along with previously issued CSI Advisories, can be retrieved from our website, www.compliancesystemsinc.com.