



National Standard Operating Procedure

NSOP 516

COVID-19 - Ship Sanitation Inspections

Purpose

The purpose of this National Standard Operating Procedure is to provide an update on the requirement of having a Ship Sanitation Certificate on board Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) vessels.

Background

As part of the Ships' Officers (SO) and Ships' Crews (SC) [collective agreements](#) between the Treasury Board and the respective unions, the following is required:

All vessels with living accommodations must be inspected for health and sanitary conditions by a qualified medical officer and/or sanitary inspector not less frequently than once every 12 months or, in the case of vessels on northern operations, before departure and before the next subsequent voyage.

This requirement is restated in [Coast Guard Operations Orders - 452.00 Officer and Crew Accommodation - CCG Ships](#), and in [Fleet Safety Manual - 7.A.11 Hotel Services](#).

These inspections are carried out by Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) inspectors as part of a memorandum of understanding between the CCG and the PHAC.

Procedure

Due to the present worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the increased demand for PHAC inspectors to perform related tasks to protecting the health and safety of all Canadians, the inspectors are not available to perform ship sanitation inspections for the CCG at this time.

For vessels presently engaged in Arctic operations: all current Ship Sanitation Certificates are automatically extended until September 30, 2020, or until the vessel returns from the Arctic.

For those vessels departing for the Arctic this season, the pre-departure inspection will be waived.

The certificate inspection dates may be extended if the pandemic is still using the resources required to do these inspections in the Fall of 2020.

Enquiries

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