

PSC Objectives – New Goals for 2012

The Faroese Maritime Authority would like to wish all shipowners and the manning on board FAS ships a Prosperous New Year with thanks for the positive spirit and achievements in the past year!

Assumingly the year 2012 will be the year when the Faroese flag - “Merkið” - will climb the Paris MoU’s White List. However, the Paris MoU overview of black, grey and white listed flags is normally not published until June, at which time the final results pertaining to our achievement over the last three years will be made known.

It has been our aspiration to move up amongst the white listed flags, and it is our anticipation that – based on the present calculation methods – the Faroese flag will be included in the white list in the forthcoming three-year summary.

Awaiting the forthcoming publishing, the Faroese Maritime Authority would like to emphasize that our moderate size of the FAS fleet still makes us very vulnerable with respect to inspections, i.e. one detention is a much heavier strike to us than to the large flags with several hundred ships, or more.

Hence, to defend a possible position in the white list makes inspection requirements yet more stringent.

Furthermore, the more stringent inspection methods are also seen as one of the direct reasons for the other goal – *the average number of observations per inspection* – not being achieved. This KPI was set to < **1.5**, ref. to Operational Newsletter No. 03/2011. The actual result achieved was **1.9**.

Finally, we would also like to take this opportunity to stress the fact that *improved inspection results* are seen as

- closely connected to improved safety awareness and emergency preparedness on board, as well as
- enhanced health & environment conditions on board ships flying the Faroese flag.

Thus, we would like to hope and believe that the improved results imply advantages for all parties – manning, ship owner and authorities.

Based on the above new goals have been set for 2012. We trust that both ship owners and the manning on board the Faroese flagged ships will continue to support our aspirations by setting equivalent or stricter goals to your company fleet, or single vessel, as the case may be.

Note: The goals for 2012 for the fleet:

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| - | Detentions | 0.0 |
| - | IMS observations (Code 15150) | ≤ 0.5 |
| - | Other observations: | ≤ 1.2 |

In summary, the excellent result from our IMO audit in November along with the anticipated move on to the white list will be a good outcome of 2011. Our expectation for 2012 is for the good co-operation and close communication to continue, in the spirit of mutual openness and support.

It is believed that this way *your* ships may be categorized as low risk, and *Merkið* a white-listed low risk flag.