

A-12: RESOLUTION A 321 (IX), PROCEDURES FOR THE CONTROL OF SHIPS

Name of the Resolution: Resolution A 321 (IX), Procedures for the Control of Ships

Acronym or short name: Ship Control

International organisation in charge of it: International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Summary description (in plain language): This resolution was adopted to ensure that ships comply with safety standards prescribed by conventions in force; to improve procedures including the development of appropriate criteria and guidelines for judging a ship to be sub-standard. This resolution enhances the procedure for controlling ships visiting their ports. This procedure is a complement to national measures taken by flag states to ensure compliance with convention and safeguard the safety of crews, passengers and ships.

Date of first approval: 12 november 1975

Dates of revision: no

Reasons of revisions: no

Applicability (situation of ratification): A resolution of an international body as the IMO, has not, in principle, a compulsory binding legal force for the member states. It constitutes a formal expression of an official body's opinion, non-binding acts of international bodies.

Stakes for ports: Port State Authorities have to verify if valid certificate are on board of a ship. They have also to identify a sub-standard ship (annex, III). After that, they have to submit the information about ship inspected to another Port State Authority (annex IV).

Links with other conventions: [SOLAS](#) (Regulation 19, Chapter I), [Load Lines](#) (art.21)

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