

A-26: Latin American Agreement on Port State Control of Vessels

Name of the convention: Latin American Agreement on Port State Control of Vessels

Acronym or short name: Vina del Mar MoU

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

Participating Maritime Authorities & Associate Members: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

Observers: [IMO](#); Regional Operative Co-operation Network Among South American Maritime Authorities, Cuba, Mexico and Panama([ROCRAM](#))

Summary description (in plain language): This agreement deals with the procedure of Port State Control in Latin American region. Each Contracting Party have to establish and maintain a system of Port State Control in order to ensure that, without discrimination as to flag, foreign merchant ships calling at the ports of its state comply with the standards laid down ([section 1.2](#)).

Also, the Contracting Parties have to achieve 15% annual inspection rate per country within 3 years ([section 1.3](#)).

Date of first approval: 5 november1992

Dates of revision: Ø

Reasons of revisions: Ø

Applicability (situation of ratification): The present agreement shall enter into force for each and every Maritime Authority on the date notification in this respect is given to the ROCRAM Secretariat ([section 9](#)).

Stakes for ports: Ports are strictly involved in the control of foreign ships entered in their ports ([section 3](#)). The Port State Control Officers are entitled to survey ships. They are liable for the inspection of those ships:

- Passenger ships, ro-ro ships, Bulk Carriers.

- Ships which may present a special hazard.
- Ships which have had several recent deficiencies

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