

China Port State Control (PSC) inspections detained 3 vessels found with BWMS deficiencies

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Introduction

The Port State Control (PSC) is an inspection regime for countries to inspect foreign-registered ships in port other than those of the flag state and take action against ships that are not in compliance.

During September 2024 inspections, the China PSC detained 3 vessels, which were found to have deficiencies related to the vessel's Ballast Water

Management Systems (BWMS) and procedures in accordance with IMO's Ballast Water Convention (Resolution MEPC.387[81]).

Deficiencies Recorded

The following are the BWMS deficiencies recorded:

Vessel A, detained at Rizhao port on 10 September 2024:

Area		Nature of Deficiency
Pollution prevention - Ballast Water	14811 - Ballast Water Management System	Not Operating as required

Vessel B, detained at Zhanjiang port on 9 September 2024:

Area	Deficiency	Nature of Deficiency
Certificate And Documentation	01136 - International Ballast Water	Expired
- Ship Certificates	Management Certificate	

Vessel C, detained at Dalian port on 6 September 2024:

Area	Deficiency	Nature of Deficiency
Certificate And Documentation	01136 - International Ballast Water	Expired
- Ship Certificates	Management Certificate	
Pollution prevention - Ballast	14811 - Ballast Water Management System	Not Operating as required
Water	14011 - Daliasi Water Mariagement System	

The above vessel deficiencies reported by the PSC are yet another indication of the strengthened drive by authorities towards more stringent monitoring of Ballast Water Management System procedures in the universal pursuit towards greener shipping. For detailed information on the inspection records visit the Tokyo MoU website at https://apcis.tmou.org/public/.

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