

Ship Name: **IMPERATOR**

Ship Type: **Bulk Carrier**

Flag: **Marshall Islands**

IMO Number: **9367906**

Date of Action: **6/21/2023**

Action Taken: **Detention**

Port: **Houston, Texas**

Unit: **Sector Houston-Galveston**

Recognized Org: **Nippon Kaiji Kyokai**

Recognized Security  
Organization (RSO):

Recognized Org  
(RO) Related: **Not Class Related**

Relevant Certificates:

Organization Related  
to Detention:

Ship Management: Owners, Operators, or Managers

**Tower Shipping Inc**

**Evalend Shipping Co. S.A.**

Charterers

**Reliance Bulk Carriers LLC**

Deficiencies: Code - Category

**15109 - Maintenance of the ship and  
equipment**

**07126 - Oil accumulation in engine  
room**

**14105 - Pumping, piping and  
discharge arrangements**

Description

**The company and the ship shall comply with the requirements of the International Safety Management Code. For the purpose of this regulation the requirements of this code shall be treated as mandatory. In meeting these requirements, the company should establish procedures to ensure the ship is maintained in conformity with the provisions of the relevant rules and regulations and with additional requirements which may be established by the company. The deficiencies observed by the PSCO and noted in #2, #3, and #4 offer objective evidence that the vessel is neither being maintained nor is in substantial compliance with the relevant conventions, calling into question the adequacy and implementation of the vessel's SMS under the ISM Code. An external audit is required before the ship is released from detention with a focus on maintenance procedures for fire fighting appliances, pollution prevention equipment, and machinery spaces.**

**The purpose of this regulation is to prevent the ignition of combustible materials or flammable liquids. For this purpose, the following functional requirements shall be met: means shall be provided to control leaks of flammable liquids. PSCO observed an accumulation of oil beneath the generators in the engine room and in the purifying flats, including oil soaked lagging. The PSCO observed oil accumulation in bilges, level was at the top of the bilge wells. PSCO observed a full mop bucket with oily water in the vicinity of the generators.**

**The system shall be provided with arrangements to ensure that any discharge of oily mixtures is automatically stopped when the oil content of the effluent exceeds 15 ppm. PSCO observed three way valve of the oily water separator not functioning properly. The valve only went overboard, or completely cut off, preventing the three way valve from recirculating.**

**07113 - Fire pumps and its pipes**

**The purpose of this regulation is to maintain and monitor the effectiveness of the fire safety measures the ship is provided with. For this purpose, the following functional requirements shall be met: fire protection systems and fire-fighting systems and appliances shall be maintained ready for use. PSCO requested to test two fire hoses on deck utilizing the emergency fire pump. Crew attempted to energize fire hoses while running on power from emergency fire pump however, no stream of water was produced from either hose.**