

OCIMF SHIP INSPECTION REPORT (SIRE) PROGRAMME

Dear Colleague,

INSPECTOR ETHICS – 2016

The integrity and reputation of OCIMF and its Members remains paramount and the SIRE program requires all participants (including SIRE inspectors) to share, retain and promote sound ethical values, conduct, and behaviour.

When you applied to become a SIRE Accredited inspector, your application included a Conflicts of Interest statement. Your signature on the SIRE Inspector application form confirmed your agreement to be bound by these terms.

As a reminder, your SIRE Inspector application form contained the following statement:-

“The undersigned agrees and declares that if a conflict of interest arises from an appointment to inspect a specific vessel, the appointment will be refused and the commissioning OCIMF Member will be informed of the reasons why. If the Inspector, after being appointed to inspect a specific vessel, becomes aware of circumstances whereby his/her ability to provide an impartial inspection report might be compromised, the Inspector must immediately contact the OCIMF Member who commissioned the inspection and advise that Member of the circumstances of the case. This will include, but not be limited to, the discovery of associations with the vessel's Operators or offers from any other party relating to gifts or money in order to influence the Inspector's responses or comments in a SIRE Vessel Inspection Report.

Employees of Ship Operators are not eligible to become SIRE Accredited inspectors. An accredited inspector who attains accreditation, either as an employee of a Submitting Company, or as an employee of an independent inspecting company, or as a self-employed inspector who subsequently becomes an employee of a Ship Operator will lose accreditation. In the event that an Applicant is a consultant to a Ship Operator whose ships are subjected to inspections under the SIRE Programme or other circumstances relating to the SIRE Programme, the Applicant must declare such association and must not accept instructions from a Submitting Company to inspect such vessels.”

Inspectors are reminded that OCIMF has no tolerance for unethical and unprofessional conduct and behaviour from its inspectors. A number of cases of such misbehaviour in previous years have resulted in the disciplinary hearings and resulted in inspectors being suspended for a period of time or losing their accreditation.

OCIMF will not hesitate to take such actions as appropriate against those inspectors to safeguard the integrity and reputation of OCIMF and its members.

Also OCIMF and its members wish to ensure that relationships between inspectors and third parties are at all times remain ethical and beyond reproach.

“SIRE Inspector Training and Accreditation Guidelines” revised in 2014 states the requirement on inspectors Ethics and Conflict of Interest. A copy of relevant Para - 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 2.6.5, 2.6.6, 2.6.7 and 2.7. Para is attached for your attention.

To confirm your understanding and agreement to these sections we should be grateful if you would ‘electronically’ sign, using the ‘tick boxes’ on the following pages.

If you have any questions relating to this Ethics Declaration then please send them to the OCIMF Compliance Manager - Capt. Shaikh Rahim at Shaikh.Rahim@ocimf.com

Please be aware that this process must be completed by 31st. March 2016. The accreditation of inspectors without a signed declaration in place will automatically be suspended after this date.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance.

Yours sincerely,
Capt. Andrew Cassels
DIRECTOR