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RE: Misrepresentation by Accredited Marine Surveyor

Susan,

Thank you for recently bringing to my attention that an AMSA Accredited Marine Surveyor may have made representation to the operator of foreign vessels that the surveyor was accredited by AMSA to assist in preparing vessels for port State control (PSC) inspection.

While this representation was made to the operator of a foreign vessel, it is also possible that such representations could also be directed to the operators of Regulated Australian Vessels (RAVs) to assist them with preparing for a flag State control (FSC) inspection.

In considering this issue, it is important to note that AMSA only accredits marine surveyors to carry out surveys of Australian Domestic Commercial Vessels (DCVs) under the National Law.

While AMSA accepts that some Accredited Marine Surveyors may have the appropriate training, qualifications and experience to assist the operator of a vessel with preparing for a PSC or FSC inspection, it would be misleading for that surveyor to make representations that they are accredited by AMSA to do so. Similarly, it would be misleading for such a surveyor to allow a vessel operator to assume that the surveyor's AMSA accreditation was with respect to the survey or inspection of RAVs or foreign vessels.

In the next instalment of the publication *Survey Matters*, AMSA will be informing all AMSA Accredited Marine Surveyors of the inappropriateness of this type of misleading practice, and of the fact that future instances of this type of behaviour will be referred to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for investigation.

I am sure that the above mentioned practices do not conform to the ethical and professional standards your organisation expects of its members. Therefore, I ask that you assist AMSA in discouraging such practices, and sharing this information with your members.

Yours faithfully,

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