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Proper operation and maintenance of 15 ppm Bilge Separator and Oil Content Meter

Typical deficiency (outline of comment) by PSC:

- Crew is not familiar with proper operation and maintenance of 15 ppm Bilge Separator and Oil Content Meter
- Malfunction due to lack of proper maintenance of 15 ppm Bilge Separator and Oil Content Meter (especially clogging of the Oil Content Meter and its drain line, as well as operation under such conditions)

Port State	All cou	ntries	Port: All ports
Action taken by PSC: Detention / Recti		Detention / Rectify befor	re Departure / Others ()
Description:			

It has been reported that there have been cases indicating operational failures of 15ppm Bilge Separator and Oil Content Meter due to lack of crews' poor understanding of the system and insufficient maintenance, particularly clogging of the Oil Content Meter and its drain line, and operation of the system under such conditions.

In cases where such issues are pointed out, there is a risk of the ship being detained for noncompliance with Reg. 14, Annex I, MARPOL. Ship management companies are urged to obtain the latest manuals for the 15ppm Bilge Separator and Oil Content Meter from the manufacturers. Furthermore, crews should be thoroughly instructed to understand the operation of this equipment and conduct regular maintenance as prescribed in the manuals.