

Prime Ship-PSC Pre-Arrival Information Service (ClassNK PAIS)



FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions About Pre-Arrival Information Service)

Q1. What type of information will be provided through this service?

A1. This service provides information on notable or increasing deficiencies identified in specific PSC countries or areas. Initially, it includes a checklist of major deficiencies for crew self-inspection and a summary of the top deficiencies observed over the past three years. The scope and quality of the information will be continuously refined as the service develops.

Q2. When will notifications be sent?

A2. Notifications will be sent to the management company (the Owner is not included) when the AIS destination of a NK-classed ship is set to a specific country or area. These target countries or areas (generally two or three) will be periodically selected and updated by NK. The detention rates are the principal factor in the selection process, while the country name will only be indicated in each individual email notice to the management company. However, NK-classed ships that do not set their AIS destination to one of the designated countries or regions will not receive notifications.

Q3. What to do after receiving the notifications?

A3. The management company is encouraged to review the information provided by NK and to instruct the crew to prepare for a potential PSC inspection prior to arrival, based on the guidance received. Email reply to NK is not required.

Q4. How is the information prepared?

A4. The information is derived from descriptions contained in PSC Reports issued by each respective PSC authority. Leveraging NK's long-standing expertise as a classification society, the data is analyzed to identify and reflect the characteristics and trends associated with each deficiency based on actual reports. However, NK cannot provide detailed explanations for individual descriptions, as these are at the discretion of each PSCO.

Q5. Will there be any additional cost to use this service?

A5. There is no additional fee for NK-classed ships. Furthermore, no application is required to begin using the service. If the management company wishes to add or change notification email addresses, or discontinue the service entirely, they may contact SVD (svd@classnk.or.jp) directly.