

To the Master of the Vessel

## Regarding Ship Sanitation Certificates

In accordance with the International Health Regulations (IHR) from 2005 Denmark will effective 1 January 2009 no longer be issuing Deratting Certificates. Instead Ship Sanitation Certificates can be issued following a ship inspection.

Foreign ships not possessing a valid Ship Sanitation Certificate must be inspected when arriving in Denmark. The required inspection of the vessel is regarding vectors which might carry diseases contagious to humans, thus the inspection focuses on the presence of rodents and insects on the ship.

The inspections can legally only be carried out by an authorized inspector employed in a registered pest control company. The list of authorized pest control companies are listed on the website of the Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning ([www.blst.dk/Rottebekaempelse/Skibsinspektioner/](http://www.blst.dk/Rottebekaempelse/Skibsinspektioner/)).

When an inspection of the vessel has been carried out, the inspector will forward a report on the inspection to the responsible Health Authority (the Medical Officers of Health Office) in the Region where inspection has taken place. Following receipt of the inspection report, the Medical Health Officer will issue the relevant Ship Sanitation Certificate.

If no evidence of unacceptable occurrences of vectors was found, an exemption certificate is issued. This is valid for a period of up to 6 months from the date of issue and has the same validity as a Deratting Exemption Certificate.

If evidence of unacceptable occurrences of vectors was found, a Ship Sanitation Control Certificate is issued, which replaces the Deratting Certificate. The pest control agent inspecting the ship may initiate corrective pest control measures and can suggest preventive measures for the ship. The issued certificate details necessary pest control measures that should be carried out to remedy the problems on the ship along with any additional comments e.g. if follow up control measures are necessary etc. The control certificate also has a validity of up to 6 months from the date of issue.

The representative of the ship can collect the certificate at the Medical Officers of Health Office in the Region.

A valid Ship Sanitation Certificate may be extended for a period of one month when the inspection cannot be carried out and there is no evidence of

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infection or contamination. No ship inspection is required for an extension which is issued directly from the regional Health Office.

Further information about the International Health Regulations and Ship Sanitation Certificates can be found on the following websites:

- [http://www.sst.dk/Planlaegning\\_og\\_behandling/Ship\\_Sanitation\\_Certificates.aspx?lang=en](http://www.sst.dk/Planlaegning_og_behandling/Ship_Sanitation_Certificates.aspx?lang=en)
- [www.blst.dk/Rottebehaempelse/Skibsinspektioner/](http://www.blst.dk/Rottebehaempelse/Skibsinspektioner/)

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