

Sierra Leone Flag Enters The Paris MoU Grey List

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Limassol, Cyprus Jul 7, 2022 (Issuewire.com) - The White, Grey, and Black (WGB) List is a group of flags ranging from the ones under which vessels have demonstrated the highest performance and safety indicators to the flags under which vessels are most frequently detained, and whose activities are associated with the highest or very high risk.

The WGB is based on the total number of inspections and detentions over a three-year period, based on the results of at least 30 inspections during that period. The current WGB list consists of 68 flags, of which 40 are whitelisted, 21 grey listed, and 7 black listed. Back in 2019, the total number of flags was 70: 39 on the white list, 22 in grey, and 9 on the black list.

Sierra Leone Maritime Administration was one of the flag states which were included in the Black List. After determined efforts to improve its performance Sierra Leone Flag has progressed to the grey list.

“We have worked steadily through the years building solid foundations to achieve this long waited growth. We have exercised utmost efforts and invested significant resources in educating our people internally and externally including but not limited to our Flag Safety Inspectors, Agents, and Investigators. We have established and implemented a Concentrated Risk FSI Campaign, ratified the majority of the International Conventions, and domesticated them into national law. We have successfully passed the IMO Member State Audit Scheme with excellent results, transformed into a digital ship registry, and are in the process of establishing the first Maritime Academy in Sierra Leone. We are proud and pleased to announce that our efforts have been fruitful, and we have managed after a sustained effort together with the Government of Sierra Leone to promote the Sierra Leone Flag to the grey list of the Paris MoU. We are achieving steady growth always on solid foundations and I personally couldn’t be more proud of my team, both in Sierra Leone and in Cyprus” said the General Manager of SLMARAD.

The fact that the flag has graduated from the “Black” to “Grey” list indicates that the Sierra Leone Flag remains steadfastly committed to its mission of ensuring compliance with the national and international responsibilities and obligations so as to operate and govern the Registry in accordance with the national and international Laws.

Sierra Leone Maritime Administration is committed to keeping working on enhancing the safety and security standards and consequently the inspection performance of its registered tonnage with the final aim to move up to the Paris MoU White list in the years to come.

GREY LIST

RANK	FLAG	INSPECTIONS 2019-2021	DETENTIONS 2019-2021	BLACK TO GREY LIMIT	GREY TO WHITE LIMIT	EXCESS FACTOR
GREY LIST						
41	Morocco	48	0	7	0	0.01
42	Thailand	33	0	5	0	0.10
43	Curacao	40	1	6	0	0.21
44	Korea, Republic of	75	3	9	1	0.23
45	Azerbaijan	56	2	8	0	0.24
46	India	35	1	6	0	0.25
47	Iran, Islamic Republic of	68	3	9	1	0.28
48	Palau	162	9	17	5	0.38
49	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	331	20	31	15	0.31
50	Philippines	131	8	14	4	0.39
51	Lebanon	53	3	7	0	0.46
52	Saint Kitts and Nevis	112	7	13	3	0.42
53	Poland	50	3	7	0	0.43
54	Mongolia	33	3	5	0	0.62
55	Cook Islands	281	17	21	8	0.73
56	Yamalo	253	22	25	11	0.88
57	Sierra Leone	250	22	25	10	0.82
58	Ukraine	75	8	9	1	0.84
59	Belize	261	22	26	10	0.87
60	Switzerland	64	6	6	0	0.94
61	Tanzania, United Republic of	189	19	20	7	0.96



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