

## **Inspection and certification of reefer ships**

### **1. Scope**

- 1.1 This standard has been issued by the Executive Committee of the 360 Quality Association in conformity with 9.4.2 of the Code.
- 1.2 This standard specifies criteria for the competence of impartial bodies performing inspection and certification of reefer ships according to section 9 of the 360 Quality Code.

### **2. Definitions**

- 2.1 **Inspection**  
An inspection is an inspection of a reefer ship in conformity with section 9 of the Code.
- 2.2 **Inspection body**  
Body, which performs the inspection.

### **3. Administrative requirements**

- 3.1 The inspection body, or the organisation of which forms a part shall be legally identifiable.
- 3.2 The inspection body is insured for professional indemnity with a suitable insurance company.
- 3.3 The inspection body, or the organisation of which it forms a part, shall have independently audited accounts.

### **4. Independence, impartiality and integrity**

The personnel of the inspection body shall be independent and free from commercial, financial and other pressures, which might affect their judgement. This will ensure a representative result of the audit.

### **5. Confidentiality**

The inspection body shall ensure confidentiality of information obtained in the course of its inspection activities. The inspection reports will be treated as confidential and only reported to the principals.

### **6. Organization, management and personnel**

- The organisation will have a designated person who is overall responsible.
- The designated person checks and authorizes the inspection reports, including other relevant issues.
- The designated person takes care that its officers are properly educated with regular refreshment courses and have sufficient experience with reefer vessels.
- The designated person is the vocal speaking point in case of disputes and/or complaints.
- The designated person is responsible for record keeping and access of the inspection reports.

- The designated person is responsible for the issuance of the 360 Quality certificates.
- The organisation will record which vessels are certified including validity date. Once per year the organisation will report to the 360 Quality Association which vessels require a renewal of the certificate.

## **7. Inspection report**

- 7.1 The work carried out by the inspection body shall be covered by a retrievable inspection report and 360 Quality certificate.
- 7.2 The inspection report contains: the inspection checklist with score calculation, photos, motivation for deviations and a final conclusion about the certification of the vessel.

## **8. Quality system**

The inspection body shall be certified latest by December 2009 in accordance with ISO 9000 for carrying out surveys and inspections and issuing and administering certificates.

## **9. Complaints**

- 9.1 Complaints about the inspection are addressed to the designated person of the inspection body, who will investigate and revert. The principals will be informed about this complaint.
- 9.2 A record shall be maintained of all complaints and of the actions taken by the inspection body.

## **10. Cooperation**

The inspection body is expected to participate in an exchange of experience with other inspection bodies and in the standardisation processes as appropriate.