

## SHIP SANITATION INSPECTIONS – FOCUS AND PRIORITIES 2018

City of Porvoo, Environmental Health Care is local port health authority in charge of doing the sanitary inspection and issuing the sanitary certificates of the ships required by the International Health Regulations (IHR/2005). Inspections are carried out in the ports of

- **Kilpilahti/Skoldvik (FISKV)**
- **Tolkkinen (FITOK)**
- **Loviisa (FILOV)**

International Ship Sanitation Certificates are of particular importance for the prevention and control of public health risks on board ships on international voyages. According the IHR-regulations the operators shall facilitate the inspection. All cases of illness that are indicative of an infectious disease, or evidence of a public health risk on board, must be reported by the ship's master to the competent authority at port before arrival. Reporting is done by filling in the Maritime Declaration of Health MDH-form.

The role of the port health authority is to inspect the vessel and ascertain the sanitary condition of areas inspected and recommend and/or require corrective actions when applicable. The inspections are based on and follow the WHO inspection guidelines/codes. The priorities agreed by the Porvoo port health authority for the 2018 audits are:

- **Food facilities/galley and stores**  
WHO Handbook Code of Area 2.2.1\*: one dedicated hand-washing station in galley equipped with instructions, liquid soap and disposable paper towels  
Code 3.4.3: food stored at above the deck (15 cm) and protected from water entry / contamination
- **Potable water quality**  
Code 9.1.1: valid water quality analysis - less than 1 year old
- **Legionella prevention and vessel tap water temperatures**  
Code 9.14.5: cold water less than 25°C and hot tap water temperature 50 - 65°C
- **Hospital facilities**  
Code 5.1.1: hospital used only for medical purposes  
Code 5.2.3: adequate sharps and biomedical collectors  
Code 5.6.1: Medical Log Book available and entries up to date

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- b) International Health Regulations IHR 2005 (Maritime Declaration of Health - MDH annex 8)  
Free download: <http://www.who.int/ihr/publications/9789241596664/en/>
- c) WHO Handbook for inspection of ships and issuance of ship sanitation certificates (+Codes of area\*)  
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WHO Handbook available in English, Estonian, French, German, Russian, Spanish and Turkish
- d) List of the official WHO ports: [http://www.who.int/ihr/ports\\_airports/ihr\\_authorized\\_ports\\_list.pdf](http://www.who.int/ihr/ports_airports/ihr_authorized_ports_list.pdf)