



Ship Type: All

Trade Area: Italy

Bulletin 159 - 10/00 - Increased Ship Inspections - Italy

As a result of a recent casualty off Porto Vesme we are advised by the Club's correspondent in Genoa that the Italian Ministry of Environment has on the 3rd October 2000 issued a decree whereby :

- **ALL** foreign ships will be inspected at the time of entering Italian waters to ascertain compliance with safety/environment regulations (presumably SOLAS/MARPOL)
- Tankers not having double hulls will be authorised to enter Italian waters **ONLY** on a case by case basis taking into account their seaworthiness, their route and the weather conditions
- The above provisions will apply also to Italian ships within Italian waters

Members trading in Italian waters should be aware that it is anticipated there will be a significant increase in enforcement activity as a result of this although it is unclear at this stage where the resources to carry out the decree will come from.

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