

Ship Type: All Trade Area: Spain

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The growing concern of the Spanish authorities over shipping safety has resulted in the inspection of a minimum of 25% of vessels entering Spanish jurisdiction. The inspections are focused on the checking of all certificates and documents required by international convention and examination of the general condition of vessels with emphasis on the engine room, accommodation and hygiene. Inspectors have the power to detain ships which fail to meet the requirements and fines ranging from Pesetas 10 million (54,000usd) for a small infraction up to Pesetas 150 million (810,000usd) for a severe infraction may be imposed. The Harbour Master will detain any such vessel until the fine has been paid or alternatively an acceptable form of Guarantee has been provided.

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