

PARIS MOU – Rustbucket



M/v **MORO 4** – IMO 6921256 is a general cargo-multipurpose ship of 834 GT flying the flag of the Korean Democratic People's Republic and holding statutory certificates issued by Maritime Bureau of Shipping (Korea). When the vessel entered the port of Gaeta (Italy) on 08.07.2004, she was inspected by the local PSC Authority. Immediately the PSCO noticed that the International Ship's Security Certificate (ISSC) was not available, since it had never been issued. After further investigation it appeared that the ISPS code was not implemented at all; Ship's Security Plan and Continuous Synopsis Record were not found on board, ship's access points were not controlled, security related drills were not carried out, restricted areas were not marked. According to Paris MoU procedures the Competent Security Authority was informed.

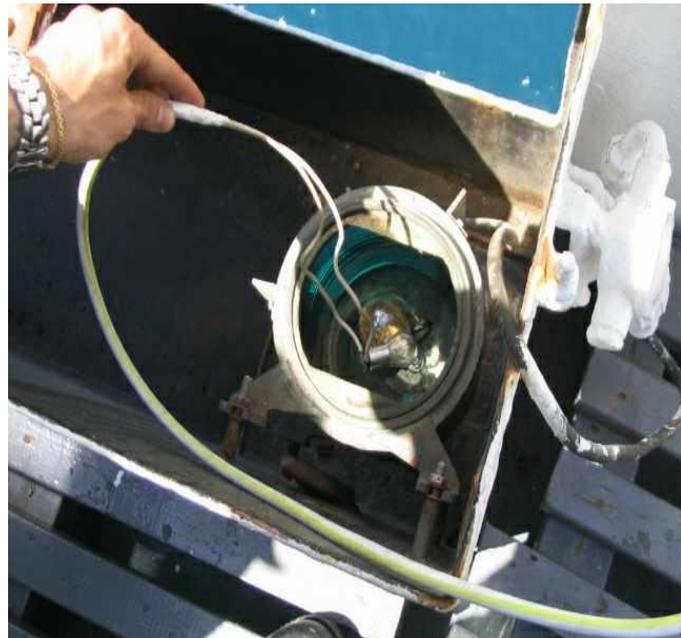
Many safety and ILO related deficiencies were found as well.





The main engine fuel oil leakage alarm was out of order and some pipelines between the quick closing valve and FO retention tank consisted of plastic pipes. The emergency fire pump was not shown on the ship's

fire plan and appeared to be inoperative. The defective fire fighting equipment was considered a valid reason for the suspension of discharging operations until the minimum safety conditions were re-established. Hydrostatic release of the EPIRB was in place, but not linked to the apparatus. IMO symbols for escape routes were not existing in the engine room. The emergency navigation lights system was not working due to the defective electric converter from 24 to 220 volts.



Hours of work or rest were not recorded according to Protocol 1996 to ILO Convention n° 147. After consultation with flag State and after several repairs were carried out to the satisfaction of the PSC Authority the vessel sailed towards Marina di Carrara (Italy) after twelve days of detention.