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SIRE 2.0 to 'go-live' on 2 September 2024

OCIMF provides notice to industry of date for final transition to digitalised tanker inspection scheme

02 July 2024 – (LONDON) The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) has confirmed that its digitalised Ship Inspection Report Programme (SIRE 2.0) is scheduled to 'go-live' on Monday 2 September 2024 and become the standard tanker inspection tool for the marine industry.

The final transition to SIRE 2.0 and the withdrawal of the option to request a SIRE Vessel Inspection Questionnaire (VIQ7) inspection from Monday 2 September 2024 has been given now that all pre-agreed 'Critical Success Factors' for going live have been met and approved by the OCIMF Vessel Inspection Programme Steering Group, Programmes Committee and OCIMF Executive Committee (ExCom).

This move to SIRE 2.0 will mark the end of the phased transition to the updated, enhanced and digitalised tanker inspection programme which is expected to transform how the marine industry assesses the safety and operational condition of tankers and their crew on an ongoing basis.

Aaron Cooper, Programmes Director, OCIMF, said:

"OCIMF implemented a multiphase roll-out programme to ensure industry had the opportunity to engage with SIRE 2.0 before it became the standard inspection tool. A significant number of SIRE 2.0 inspections have been completed in Phase 3 enabling all sectors of the industry to fully participate as well as supporting the full end-to-end testing of the SIRE 2.0 system."



“This has worked very well as programmes users have been able to prepare and test their readiness under real-life test inspection conditions. As a result of this phased approach and robust testing, we’re confident we can now proceed with implementing SIRE 2.0 as the standard inspection tool for industry. OCIMF appreciates the support of industry as we reach this final milestone.”

The move to the digitalised inspection programme means that every tanker inspection will be bespoke and tailored to the individual vessel and its risk-profile and will require vessel operators and their crew to be prepared to respond to any potential inspection question from the SIRE 2.0 Question Library. Using their intrinsically-safe tablet devices, SIRE 2.0 inspectors will provide a response to each question in the inspection’s unique Compiled Vessel Inspection Questionnaire (CVIQ) in relation to Hardware, Processes and Human Factors. This will provide programme recipients with inspection reports that contain marine assurance data, information and feedback with greater detail than the existing SIRE reports.

“I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that all programme users use the next 60 days to ensure they are prepared to move permanently to SIRE 2.0. During this time, Phase 3 inspections are still available, and programme users should make sure personnel at sea and on shore are fully familiarised with the new inspection process, procedures and guidance and they should also ensure their own in-house procedures, tools and systems are aligned. They can also use this time to complete the Pre-Inspection Questionnaire work before the go-live,” Cooper added.

OCIMF advises industry to use all the documentation and training resources available on the [OCIMF website](#) to ensure that personnel at sea and on shore are prepared for SIRE 2.0 inspections.

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About OCIMF:

1. The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) is a voluntary association of oil companies with an interest in the shipment and terminalling of crude oil, oil products, petrochemicals and gas. OCIMF focuses exclusively on preventing harm to people and the environment by promoting best practice in the design, construction and operation of tankers, barges and offshore vessels and their interfaces with terminals.

Vision

A global marine industry that causes no harm to people or the environment.



Mission

To lead the global marine industry in the promotion of safe and environmentally responsible transportation of crude oil, oil products, petrochemicals and gas, and to drive the same values in the management of related offshore marine operations.

We do this by developing best practices in the design, construction and safe operation of tankers, barges and offshore vessels and their interfaces with terminals and considering human factors in everything we do.

- 2. Further information and documentation on SIRE 2.0 can be viewed at:
<https://www.ocimf.org/programmes/sire-2-0>

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Activity	When	Notes
VIQ7 ends	23:59 UTC; Sunday 1 Sept 2024	Vessel Inspection Questionnaire (VIQ7) inspection requests will NOT be allowed after this date.
SIRE 2.0 'go-live'	12:00 UTC; Monday 2 Sept 2024	SIRE 2.0 replaces VIQ7 and becomes OCIMF's only available tanker inspection tool. Phase 3 trial inspections published after this date will not be anonymised.
VIQ7 report availability	12 months	VIQ7 reports remain available for download for 12 months from the date of publication.