

DRAFT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Name of State	FINLAND
Principal Government entity	Ministry of Transport and Communications (MINTC)
Other entities involved	<p>Prime Minister’s Office; Ministry of the Environment (MOE); Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA); Ministry of Finance (MOF); Ministry of the Interior (MOI); Ministry of Justice (MOJ); Ministry of Education and Culture (MOEC); Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (MOSAH); Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (MOEAE); Finnish Transport and Communications Agency (TRAFICOM); Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency (FTIA); Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI); Finnish Border Guard (FBG); Finnish Environment Institute (FEI); Fintraffic VTS; Safety Investigation Authority, Finland (SIAF); Regional State Administrative Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Division (AVI); and Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY)</p>
Period of audit	28 October to 4 November 2024
Scope	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS 1974); 2 Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS PROT 1988); 3 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, as amended (MARPOL 73/78); 4 Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL PROT 1997); 5 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW 1978); 6 International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (LL 1966);

	<p>7 Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (LL PROT 1988);</p> <p>8 International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 (TONNAGE 1969); and</p> <p>9 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended (COLREG 1972).</p>
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Areas	Flag State	X	Coastal State	X	Port State	X
Narrative	<p>The State was audited in accordance with resolution A.1067(28) on Framework and Procedures for the IMO Member State Audit Scheme and resolution A.1070(28) on IMO Instruments Implementation (III) Code serving as the audit standard.</p> <p>During the audit the following were established:</p> <p>.1 one finding and no observations were revealed under general responsibilities and obligations of the State;</p> <p>.2 three findings and no observations were revealed under flag State activities;</p> <p>.3 one finding and no observations were revealed under coastal State activities; and</p> <p>.4 no findings and no observations were revealed under port State activities.</p> <p>The breakdown of findings and observations is as shown below.</p>					
General	<p>Finding (FD-1)</p> <p>The State had not fulfilled its obligations regarding communication of information to IMO under the mandatory IMO instruments (e.g., specimen of certificates, information on text of laws/regulations) (SOLAS 1974, article III; III Code, paragraph 9).</p>					
Flag State activities	<p>Finding (FD-2)</p> <p>Although the Administration had developed a policy for those requirements that were “left to the satisfaction of the administration” contained in the mandatory IMO instruments, it was evident that interpretations had not been developed or documented for some of such provisions under the mandatory IMO instruments. (MARPOL, Annex I, regulation 6; III Code, paragraph 16.5).</p>					

	<p>Finding (FD-3)</p> <p>There was no evidence of a methodology for carrying out periodic inspections of the ships flying the flag of the State to verify that the actual condition of the ship and her crew were in conformity with the certificates she carried, and that the requirements of the mandatory IMO instruments were met. (III Code, paragraph 22.2.)</p> <p>Finding (FD-4)</p> <p>The Administration did not have a documented system for qualification and continuous updating of the knowledge for the personnel assisting in the performance of the work of surveyors/inspectors. (III Code, paragraph 33; III Code, paragraph 35).</p>
Coastal State activities	<p>Finding (FD-5)</p> <p>The maritime administration did not review the existing traffic separation scheme since its inception, in accordance with the guidelines and criteria stipulated in SOLAS regulation V/10.8. (SOLAS 1974, regulation V/10; III Code, paragraph 49).</p>
Port State activities	None.
<p><i>Notation: The findings and/or observations identified above were obtained from sampling and not all obligations and requirements contained in the instruments were tested during the audit.</i></p>	