

# Abstract

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In the last three decades marine accidents triggered the maritime community to apply and develop the international regulations for safety and environmental protection. Consequently, &quot;Port State Control&quot; regulations were introduced as a new mechanism to enforce the implementation of such regulations. The main targets for Port State Control are to exclude the sub-standard vessels from seaborne fleet, ensure,&quot; vessels safety and reliability in clean seas&quot;. This paper highlights the legeslative frame work of the flag state authority and the various aspects of port state control and their application.