

# **Abstract**

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## **ROLE OF PORT STATE CONTROL TO ENHANCE THE MARITIME SAFETY STANDARDS**

In the last three decades marine accidents triggered the maritime community to apply and develop the international regulations for safety and environmental protection. Consequently, (PSC) 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 vessels safety and reliability in clean seas. This resarsh paper highlights the PSC legal frame-work, according to international maritime conventions, and the various aspects of PSC and their application, with a view to extracting indicators which could serve as aids in developing a uniform Port State Control system.