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Dear Captain
Good Day,

In recent months, based on statistic records, the deficiencies raised in port and flag state control inspections indicate that many deficiencies of accommodation fire doors are raised which is a sign of improper attention to maintenance and use of these doors.

Followings are the deficiencies raised during FSC/PSC inspections:

- Lock of A-60 fire door from change room to E/R broken
- Several fire doors in accommodation not properly closed due to door closure failure
- One fire door of ECR is opened to ER cannot self enclose properly
- Steering gear room fire door handle is missing
- Fire door held open using door hooks
- Several fire doors held open using pieces of rope
- Lack of maintenance of fire doors and their door closures
- Damage to the door itself or closing mechanism
- Misaligned tracks of fire doors
- Fire doorway blockage
- Improperly adjusted closing devise of fire doors
- Numerous drill holes on the fire door
- Fire door handle and lock missing

In view of above you are required to take all necessary measures to avoid same deficiencies to be raised by FSC/PSC.

In order to do so, followings shall be amongst those points to be considered:

- Proper maintenance of the closing system and renew if required
- Regular inspection of the fire doors to ensure that the door is in proper condition
- Avoid drilling on fir doors
- Any hook, rope, wire or any extra type of unapproved securing means shall be immediately removed
- Doors' closing device shall be adjusted with respect to trim of the vessel.
- Doors shall not be repaired with an unapproved material

Upon receiving of this mail, pls ensure that all fire doors are inspected and any defects are either immediately rectified by ship's staff or reported to relevant SM Department as per SMS defect reporting procedure.

After completion of above inspection, result shall be reported to this office accordingly.

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11 .

Best Regards,
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