

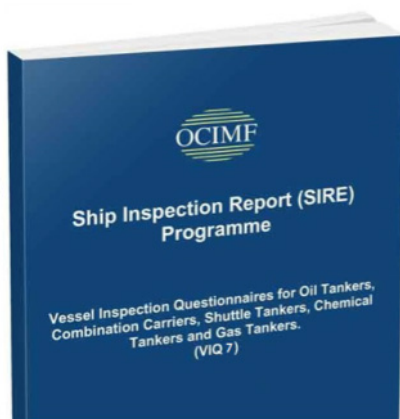


## New VIQ and MEG4 Requirements for Mooring System Management Plans (MSMP)

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### Background

On 20 June 2018 OCIMF issued the seventh edition of the SIRE Vessel Inspection Questionnaire (VIQ7), which introduced the requirement for a Mooring System Management Plan (MSMP) to be provided onboard all tankers (VIQ7 Chapter 9); the new VIQ becomes effective on **17 September 2018**. Detailed requirements / guidelines for the MSMP were issued on 26 June 2018 as part of OCIMF's Mooring Equipment Guidelines (MEG4), fourth edition.



The MSMP is intended to be a complementary component of a ship's Safety Management System Manual (SMS); as such, it is an integrated system that uses links and / or references to existing systems and records.

### Purpose

The MSMP aims to help Operators ensure that the mooring system is properly inspected, maintained while in service and operated safely and in accordance with the original design basis.

### Requirements

According to MEG4 Section 1.9, the MSMP should include amongst others the following:

- Inspection, maintenance & retirement strategies/principles
- Procedures related to risk & change management, safety of personnel & human factors
- A Mooring System Management Plan Register
- A Line Management Plan (LMP)

### Recommendations

Tanker Operators / Managers are urged to **provide their vessels with a MSMP (incl. LMP)**.

AMC over the past decades has been deeply involved with SMS preparation for Tanker Companies and has also accumulated vast experience with mooring modifications and associated engineering analysis. Combining these two areas of expertise has allowed AMC to prepare a complete, concise and flexible MSMP, customized to each Tanker Operator's needs, and considering also relevant TMSA requirements.

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