



Ship Sanitation Control Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Program Overview

Who is authorized to issue a Ship Sanitation Certificate (SSC)?

Navy authorized agents per BUMEDINST 6210.4:

- Preventive Medicine Technicians (PMTs); NEC L12A
- Environmental Health Officers (EHOS)

These agents must be approved by NMCFHPC and possess a CDC-issued inspection seal. Only then are they authorized to inspect and issue Ship Sanitation Exemption Control Certificate or Ship Sanitation Control Certificates (SSCEC/SSCC).

What form is used to issue an SSC?

NAVMED Form 6210/1 – U.S. Navy SSCEC/SSCC.

Validity and Extension

How long is a Ship Sanitation Certificate valid?

Each certificate is valid for **six (6) months** from the date of issuance.

Who can issue a 30-day extension?

Extensions may be issued by the original inspector or another authorized agent if the original is unavailable. Use NAVMED Form 6210/2 – Notification of 30-Day Extension of SSCEC/SSCC.

Can I request an extension months before my certificate expires?

No. Extensions may only be requested within **30 days** prior to the SSC's expiration.

Inspection Logistics

What if I lose or misplace my original SSC with the CDC seal?

Contact the original issuing authority. Copies may be sent via mail or email.



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Can SSCs be issue to vessels other than U.S. Navy ships?

Yes. Authorized vessels include:

- U.S. Navy
- Army
- Military Sealift Command (MSC)
- NOAA
- Maritime Administration (MARAD)
- National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF)

Can an inspector inspect their own ship?

No. Inspectors assigned to a vessel may not inspect or issue SSCs for that vessel but may inspect other authorized vessels.

What if my certificate expires during deployment?

Plan inspections in advance of deployment. If needed, request an extension within **30 days** of expiration. Always maintain communication with the issuing Navy and Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU).

Can a digital seal or scanned SSC form be used for port clearance?

While scanned forms or digital copies may be accepted temporarily, the original with embossed CDC seal remains the official version and should be maintained onboard.

Rodent Control

Are rat guards required in U.S. ports?

As per OPNAVINST 6210.2, rat guards are not mandatory unless in a plague-endemic port. However, use is encouraged where rodent populations are elevated/high or at the discretion of the Commanding Officer (CO) or medical personnel.



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Resources and Points of Contact

Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit TWO (NEPMU-2)

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Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit FIVE (NEPMU-5)

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