

Ship Name: **PEPIN EXPRESS**

Ship Type: **Containership**

Flag: **Tanzania**

IMO Number: **9196228**

Date of Action: **8/1/2025**

Action Taken: **Detention**

Port: **Miami, Florida**

Unit: **Sector Miami**

Recognized Org: **CONARINA**

Recognized Security  
Organization (RSO):

Recognized Org  
(RO) Related: **Not Class Related**

Relevant Certificates:

Organization Related  
to Detention:

Ship Management: Owners, Operators, or Managers

**Americas Marine Management Services Inc**

**Trans-Pepin S de RL**

Deficiencies: Code - Category

**15102 - Company responsibility and  
authority**

Description

**Every Company should develop, implement and maintain a safety management system (SMS) which includes instructions and procedures to ensure safe operation of ships and protection of the environment in compliance with relevant international and flag state legislation. The Dangerous Goods Document of Compliance prohibits the carriage of class 3 flammable cargoes. However, 12 dangerous cargo manifests (DCMs) confirm that the vessel transported more than 31,000 kilograms of class 3 flammable cargoes on nine voyages from April through July 2025. The master signed most of these DCMs. When questioned, the master stated that he received the DCMs after cargo was loaded and that he did not know he had the authority to reject the unauthorized cargo and order its removal before departure. The SMS does not require the crew to verify dangerous goods compliance before loading, nor does it address the master's authority to reject unauthorized cargoes. Carriage of class 3 flammable cargoes without the required systems/equipment to fight a fire presents an unacceptable risk to the safety of the vessel, crew, and the marine environment. An external SM audit is required.**