

Ship Name: **MIAMI EXPRESS**

Ship Type: **Ro-Ro-Cargo Ship**

Flag: **Antigua and Barbuda**

IMO Number: **9631785**

Date of Action: **3/8/2026**

Action Taken:

Port: **Miami, Florida**

Unit: **Sector Miami**

Recognized Org: **Bureau Veritas**

Recognized Security
Organization (RSO):

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

Relevant Certificates:

Organization Related
to Detention:

Ship Management: Owners, Operators, or Managers

**Miami Express UG (haftungsbeschränkt) &
Co. KG**

Miami Express Company Limited

Deficiencies: Code - Category

**15109 - Maintenance of the ship and
equipment**

07120 - Means of escape

08104 - Steering gear alarm

Description

The company and the ship shall comply with the requirements of the International Safety Management Code. For the purpose of this regulation the requirements of the code shall be treated as mandatory. The company should establish procedures to ensure that the ship is maintained in accordance with the provisions of the relevant rules and regulations established by the company. The technical and/or operational nature of the deficiencies noted below provide objective evidence of a serious failure of the implementation of the ISM Code. An external ISM audit report, satisfactory to the Coast Guard, must be submitted prior to clearance of this deficiency and departure.

The purpose of this regulation is to provide means of escape so that persons on board can safely and swiftly escape... Escape routes shall be maintained in a safe condition, clear of obstacles...

Multiple external, weathertight doors marked "Escape Route" or with a green "Exit" sign on multiple decks had a nut welded and a T-bolt screwed into the nut which prevents opening of the door. This crude add-on is a time-consuming obstacle that is contrary to swift escape. The master stated he was unaware of the add-on.

Any main and auxiliary steering gear control system operable from the navigational bridge shall comply with the following: in the event of a failure of electrical power supply to the control system, an audible and visual alarm shall be given on the navigational bridge.

The power failure alarm for each steering gear was audible at the navigational bridge but not visual. In the event of a failure of electrical supply an audible alarm sounds, the visual alarm was not illuminating. One cannot discern which alarm is energized in conjunction with the audible alarm. No non-conformity report was submitted.

07121 - Crew alarm

The following fire protection systems shall be kept in good order to as to ensure their required performance if a fire occurs: fire detection and alarm systems.

The smoke detector alarm panel on the bridge was found turned off. When turned on, a general fault alert was chiming. The master claimed to be unaware of any issues with the system, and no non-conformity report had been submitted.

