

# Ship Inspection Management System (SIMS)

## What's New in Version 7?

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The Ship Inspection Management System consists of a web-based database of ship inspections carried out by Inspectors of Port Health Authorities using a mobile PDA device to input data. Inspections are entered onto the PDA onboard ship or back at the office and authentic certificates such as the Ship Inspection Report and Ship Sanitation Certificate, along with supporting documents (which enhance the information on the SSCEC) are printed either from a mobile bluetooth printer onboard ship or from the SIMS website at your office PC.

These documents are intended to advise you of changes in the software, version by version. If you need any assistance or have any questions please contact SIMS support on **0845 009 3103** or email [support@apha-sims.com](mailto:support@apha-sims.com).

This version has been released to fix some problems that have been reported by users.

## CHANGES/ADDITIONS

1. If an inspection has been uploaded to the central database, you can not edit it. In version 6 you had a message telling you this but the system would not allow you to view it. In the new version you can view the inspection but as before you are not allowed to edit or delete it.
2. In some circumstances, when saving data you received an error message 'UNSPECIFIED ERROR.' The cause of this has been fixed and you should no longer see this message. If you have experienced this and are not sure if your data was saved, please contact support for help.
3. On the SSCEC print, if you had a long officer's designation, it would be truncated. This is now fixed, allowing plenty of space for the text.
4. If you deleted a registered port from the database, unfortunately all the registered ports were deleted in error. This has now been fixed. If this has happened to you, please contact support so we can arrange to restore the registered ports for you.
5. When saving Inspections, if you were to edit later, sometimes the owner's name or the registered port would not show. This happened if the length of the text for the owner's name etc was long. This problem has now been fixed.

We are sorry if these errors have caused inconvenience.

To install these changes, simply select **CONNECT TO SERVER** on your PDA and the system will upgrade itself automatically.

Would users who have requested a change to the system or reported an error please check it is working and let us know if there are any outstanding problems.

If you have any suggestions for the next version, please let us know by visiting the website [www.apha-sims.com](http://www.apha-sims.com) click on **SUPPORT** then **MAKE A SUGGESTION**

Thank you for using SIMS. We continue to work to enhance the system.

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