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PARIS AND TOKYO MOUs ON PORT STATE CONTROL WILL HOLD JOINT CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS ARRANGEMENTS

The 43 Maritime Authorities of the Paris and the Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) with the purpose to ensure compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2/ Construction - fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction arrangements on board ships. This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2012 and ending on 30 November 2012.

In practice, the CIC will mean that during a regular port State control inspection conducted under the regional ship selection criteria within the Paris and Tokyo MoU regions, the fire safety arrangements, maintenance records and other applicable documentation will be verified in more detail for compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 12 selected items to verify critical areas for the shipboard fire safety systems, some of which are related to documentation, equipment and crew familiarisation.

For this purpose, PSCOs will apply a questionnaire listing a number of items to be covered during the concentrated inspection. The questionnaire has been annexed to this press release.

When deficiencies are found, actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified.

In the case of detention, publication in the monthly detention lists of the Paris and Tokyo MoU web sites will take place.

It is expected that the Paris and Tokyo MoUs will carry out approximately 10,000 inspections during the CIC.

The results of the campaign will be analysed and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of the MoUs for submission to the IMO.

Other MOUs may also carry out a CIC on the same topic during this period.

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Notes to editors:

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<p>Regional Port State Control was initiated in 1982 when fourteen European countries agreed to coordinate their port State inspection effort under a voluntary agreement known as the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Paris MOU). Currently 27 countries are member of the Paris MOU. The European Commission, although not a signatory to the Paris MOU, is also a member of the Committee.</p> <p>The Paris MoU is supported by a central database THETIS hosted and operated by the European Maritime Safety Agency in Lisbon. Inspection results are available for search and daily updating by MoU Members. Inspection results can be consulted on the Paris MoU public website and are published on the Equasis public website.</p> <p>The Secretariat of the MoU is provided by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and located in The Hague.</p>	<p>The Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Asia-Pacific Region, known as the Tokyo MOU, was signed among eighteen maritime Authorities in the region on 1 December 1993 and came into operation on 1 April 1994. Currently, the Memorandum has 18 full members, namely: Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Fiji, Hong Kong (China), Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu and Vietnam.</p> <p>The Secretariat of the Memorandum is located in Tokyo, Japan. The PSC database system, the Asia-Pacific Computerized Information System (APCIS), was established. The APCIS center is located in Moscow, under the auspices of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation.</p>
<p>Port State Control is a check on visiting foreign ships to verify their compliance with international rules on safety, pollution prevention and seafarers living and working conditions. It is a means of enforcing compliance in cases where the owner and flag State have failed in their responsibility to implement or ensure compliance. The port State can require defects to be put right, and detain the ship for this purpose if necessary. It is therefore also a port State's defence against visiting substandard shipping.</p>	



CIC ON FIRE SAFETY SYSTEM (FSS)

Inspection Authority			
Ship Name		Flag	
IMO number		Classification Society	
Date of inspection		Inspection port	

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
1	Does the Fire Control Plan meet the requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2a	Do the fire fighters' outfits including personal equipment comply with the requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2b	Do the Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBD) comply with the requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Are the portable extinguishers ready for use in locations as per the fire plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*4	Does the test of automatic audible alarm sound prior to release of a fixed gas fire-extinguishing medium into spaces in which personnel normally work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*5a	Are the fire protection systems, fire fighting-systems and appliances maintained ready for use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5b	Is there a maintenance plan onboard to show that fire protection systems and fire- fighting systems and appliances (as appropriate) have been properly tested and inspected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
*6	Is the crew familiar with the location and operation of fire-fighting systems and appliances that they may be called upon to use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Does the test of the sprinkler system trigger an automatic visual and audible alarm for the section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*8	Does the activation of any detector or manually operated call point initiate a visual and audible fire signal at the control panel on the bridge or control station?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Is the lighting in escape routes, including the Low Location Lighting systems where applicable properly maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*10	Is the Emergency Fire pump, capable of producing at least two jets of water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Are the Isolating valves of the fire main marked, maintained and easily operable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*12	Where a fire drill was witnessed was it found to be satisfactory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Was the ship detained as a result of the CIC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Notes: If the box "No" is ticked off, for questions marked with an "*" the ship may be considered for detention. The detail of any deficiencies should be appropriately entered on the PSC Report of Inspection -Form B and include the deficiency code as indicated in the question.

For questions combined with the conjunction "and" if the box "YES" is checked that means all the parts in the question are in compliance.