

**Notice on the Concentrated Inspection Campaign
of Vina del Mar MOU**

To all ship companies,

Recently, it is advised that the South American Agreement on Port State Control (PSC), the Vina del Mar MOU, may carry out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) from 1 April to 30 June 2010. This campaign is intended to promote standards of safety and environmental protection with a view to ensuring:

- compliance with requirements related to structure, subdivision and stability
- provision to the Master and Officers of damage information concerning cargo and stability
- proper familiarization of crew members with the steering system and the main and emergency electrical supply systems among others.

Each PSC inspection carried out in the Vina del Mar region will include detailed verification of the means of access to the ship's structure, emergency power sources, function and operation of the main and emergency steering systems, maintenance records of the associated equipment and systems and the

operational aspects of the safety management system in accordance with SOLAS Chapters II-1 and IX.

The PSC Officer (PSCO) will use the ten point checklist below to address these areas:

- Are operational tests of the main and auxiliary steering gear satisfactorily performed in accordance with the requirements in place? (SOLAS II-1/29 and V/26)
- Do the means of indication showing at all remote operating positions, at the navigation bridge, whether the doors and other closures are open or closed operate satisfactorily? (SOLAS II-1/13 (passenger ships), 13-1 (cargo ships))
- Is the emergency power system operating and functioning properly in all areas and compartments needed? (SOLAS II-1/42)
- Has the emergency power system been tested and have the results of the tests been recorded? (SOLAS II-1/42)
- Is a ship structure access manual approved by the Administration available? (oil tankers > 500 GT- bulk Carriers > 20000 built on or after January 1, 2006) SOLAS II-1/3-6.4)
- Is damage control information available? (Damage Control Plan (SOLAS II-1/19))

- Are low level alarms (audible and visual) of hydraulic steering gears in the navigation bridge and machinery spaces operating properly? (SOLAS II-1/29-12)
- Are the steering gear compartments, where the main and auxiliary steering gears are located, and the emergency power supply arranged so as to ensure they are ready for immediate and safe use? (SOLAS II-1/29.13 and SOLAS II-1/42)
- Are the operation manuals of the equipment tested (SMS) available and in a language understood by crew who carry out their operation and maintenance?
- Are on board personnel familiar with the operation, maintenance and operation of the systems examined?

The primary aim of this CIC is to verify the interrelation between the provisions covering the general safety aspects. In this connection, the PSCO shall verify the technical aspects so as to assess compliance with the requirements of the SMS defined by the ISM Code and shall exercise his professional judgement in determining whether or not the ship shall be detained.

In practice, in every PSC inspection carried out in this period, the PSC Officer will use the checklist to verify whether the requirements are being met. When deficiencies are found, actions by PSC will vary, from recording a deficiency

and instructing the Master to rectify it within a certain period, to detention of the ship until the deficiencies have been rectified.

The Member States of Vina del Mar MOU are Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Brazil is paying particular attention to steering equipment and the crew's familiarity with manuals and systems. Other Member countries are also expected to undertake similar inspections although the areas inspected may differ.

All companies are hereby advised to pay due attention to the above information and take appropriate actions.

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