



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL SECRETARIAT

Press Release

Indian Ocean MOU Agrees on a Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Safety of Navigation in 2017

The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control held its nineteenth Committee meeting in Masai Mara, Kenya from the 15th - 19th of August, 2016. This meeting was hosted by the Kenya Maritime Authority and chaired by Mr. Francois BEAUGRAND, Deputy PSC Coordinator, Directorate for Maritime Affaires, Ministere de Environnement, de la Mer et de l'Energie, France. The meeting was officially declared open by Mr Irungu Nyakera, Principal Secretary, State Department for Transport, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development.

The Committee approved the PSC Guidelines for verification of compliance with SOLAS Chapter V, with regard to the carriage of appropriate and up to date Nautical Charts and Nautical Publications; PSC Guidelines for the inspection of Non- Convention ships and PSC Guidelines for the inspection of MODUs and adopted all three to be included in the PSC Manual. For conduct of CIC in future, the Committee also approved the Questionnaire and Guidelines for the CIC on MARPOL Annex IV.

The Committee deliberated on the New Inspection Regime (NIR) document, and approved the same in principle. The Correspondence Group was tasked to further look into all the aspects, before NIR is implemented.

The report of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Crew Familiarization of Enclosed Space Entry carried out from September to November 2015 was presented to the Committee. The Committee noted with concern that during the CIC, 08 ships were detained as a result of the CIC, same was approved for submission to the Implementation of IMO Instruments (III), 4th session.

The Committee agreed to conduct CIC for Safety of Navigation in 2017.

An Expert Mission training programme jointly organized by the International Maritime Organization through Technical Cooperation fund and the IOMOU for PSCOs is

scheduled to be held in Iran in November, 2016. Participants from other six MOU's are also invited.

The Committee adopted the 2015 Annual Report including the overview of the activities of the IOMOU for the period and the statistics including inspections. A total of 6253 inspections were carried out in 2015. Out of these 6253 inspections, 3374 inspections had deficiencies and the total numbers of deficiencies were 14907. Serious deficiencies noted by PSCOs led to the detention of 350 ships. The number of inspections increased by 3.2% in 2015 as compared to 2014 and there was a decrease in the detention rate from 6.26% in 2014 to 5.59 % in 2015. It was noted that during the year 2015, the Secretariat had not received any case of appeal for the detention review.

In order to promote better understanding of the activities of the organization and to monitor the developments and changes in the industry which could impact the quality of shipping, an interactive session was held with the representatives from the Association of Asian Classification Societies (ACS) and the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

On behalf of the member States, Mr. Francois BEAUGRAND concluded the meeting by remarking that significant progress has been made on port State control issues during this meeting. In particular he thanked the Maritime Administration of the Kenya, for the exceptional arrangements they made for this Committee meeting. He also thanked the member States and the IOMOU Secretariat for their contribution.

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