



## **INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL SECRETARIAT**

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### **CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON EMERGENCY SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES**

**1 September 2019 to 30 November 2019**

The member Authorities of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Emergency Systems and Procedures. Inspection campaign will commence from 1 September, 2019 and will continue till 30 November 2019, and is being conducted simultaneously with the Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU and other MoUs.

The purpose of the CIC on Emergency Systems and Procedures is to ensure that;

- I. Ships are capable of responding appropriately and promptly to emergency situations in order to preserve human lives, protect the marine environment and minimize damages to ships;
- II. Necessary measures are taken by responsible stakeholders, such as shipping companies and ship managers having a direct influence on the safety of ships and by raising their awareness of the importance of ship emergency systems;
- III. Emergency systems installed on board can be properly operated and effectively managed in any emergency situations; and
- IV. Master and crew of the ship understand their assigned roles and duties in case of emergency and enhance their familiarity with the situations so that they can act immediately when circumstances arise.

During the inspection campaign of three months period, member Authorities of the IOMOU will inspect within the resources available, as many ships as possible regardless of the type in conjunction with the routine port State control inspections. A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will apply a questionnaire developed by the Paris and Tokyo MoU, listing 10 selected areas to assess that equipment provided onboard complies with the relevant Convention, and also which includes to confirm that the master and officers are qualified and familiar with operations relating to shipboard emergency systems and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

Ships often operate in isolation and are engaged in long sea voyages where shore assistance for on-board emergencies may not be available. Therefore, the preparedness of emergency equipment, such as emergency power sources and fire pumps of ships, and the ability of the crew in responding to emergency situations, are critical factors in saving human lives, protecting the marine environment and minimizing damage to ships.

As seen from the Annual port State control reports of the IOMOU, the number of deficiencies of the Emergency Systems has remained in the top five categories. The CIC on Emergency Systems and Procedures will not only raise safety awareness among the crew on safety related issues but will also enhance crew familiarization with the emergency safety systems and procedures, contributing to the prevention of marine accidents in the oceans.

Deficiencies found during the inspection campaign will be recorded by the PSCOs and actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period of time to detaining the ship until the serious deficiencies have been rectified.

The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the IOMOU Committee for submission to the International Maritime Organization.

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