



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL

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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON SHIP'S STABILITY IN GENERAL 1 September 2021 to 30 November 2021

The member Authorities of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on “**Ship's Stability in General**”. Inspection campaign will commence from 1 September, 2021 and will continue till 30 November 2021, and will be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU and other MoUs.

The purpose of the CIC on **Ship's Stability in General** is;

- to confirm that the ship staff are assessing the actual stability condition on completion of cargo operations before departure of the ship and at all stages of the voyage;
- to create awareness among the ship's staff and ship-owners about the importance of calculating the actual stability condition of the ship on completion of cargo operations and before departure of the ship;
- to verify that the ship complies with the intact stability requirements (and damage stability requirements, if applicable) under the relevant IMO instruments;

During the inspection campaign of three months' period, member Authorities of the IOMOU will carry out the subject inspection 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 subjected 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 8 selected areas to assess stability condition, to create awareness among staff and also to verify stability requirement before completion of cargo operation and departure of the ship.

The CIC on **Ships' Stability in General** will raise safety awareness among the ship's staff and ship-owners and importance of calculating the actual stability condition of the ship on completion of cargo operations and before departure of the ship, 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 and/or to detain the ship until the serious deficiencies have been rectified.

All inspections carried out will be subject to ongoing health and safety requirements in individual port States, due to COVID-19 Pandemic situation.

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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