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## **Port State Control: Structural Safety & Load Lines – New Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) beginning 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2011**

**Launch of concentrated inspection campaign on structural safety and international convention on load lines beginning 1 September 2011 by Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU on Port State Control**

Please be advised that the 45 Maritime Authorities of the Paris and the Tokyo Memoranda on Port State Control will begin a joint concentrated inspection campaign with the purpose to ensure compliance with structural safety and the Load Line Convention. This inspection campaign will be held for 3 months, ending on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

PARIS MoU informs that the background for this CIC is that, as an average for the last 8 years, deficiencies related to structural safety and load lines account, for 15% of the total number of deficiencies.

Furthermore, structural safety for ship types – other than bulk carrier and compliance with the Load Line Convention in general – has never been addressed with the special attention typical for a CIC. Your preparations for receiving Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) on board should concentrate on a review of

- All applicable documents,
- aspects as loading instruments,
- the protection of hatch openings,
- the vessel's hull, bulkheads and deck,
- other features of the Load Line Convention.

You should also be prepared for PSCO looking into the vessel's structural integrity in more detail. For this purpose PSCOs will be guided by a questionnaire listing a number of items to be covered during this concentrated inspection. When deficiencies are found, actions by the Port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify within a certain period to detention of the ship until deficiencies have been rectified.

**Note:** You should note that detentions **will be published** in the monthly list of detentions available on the Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU web pages.

Finally, 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.

We remind you of FMA's focus on adequate PSC preparedness, and we take this opportunity to once more draw your attention of our Newsletter No. 03/2011, which highlights our goal and KPI set for 2011. Enclosed please also find Paris MoU's checklist for PSCOs. We urge you to take this same checklist into use, and prepare yourself for their scrutiny.

Enclosure: [Questionnaire for the Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIE\) on Structural Safety and International Convention on Load Lines.](#)