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Paris MoU –Concentrated Inspection Campaign

New concentrated inspection campaign on Fire Safety Systems later this year.

Purpose: Ensure compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2/ Construction – fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction arrangements on board ships.

In practice, the CIC will imply that during a period port state controls will concentrate in more detail on

- the fire safety arrangements,
- maintenance records and
- other applicable documentation for compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 12 selected items to verify critical areas for the shipboard fire safety systems, some of which are related to documentation, equipment and crew familiarisation.

For this purpose, PSCOs will apply a questionnaire listing a number of items to be covered during the concentrated inspection. The questionnaire has been annexed to this press release.

When deficiencies are found, actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified.

In the case of detention, publication in the monthly detention lists of the Paris and Tokyo MoU web sites will take place as per normal practice.

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.

Note I: Realizing that fire protection and equipment may often be a challenging element of the maintenance routines, we request that you already now undertake a “company campaign” focusing on fire safety and fire equipment.

To ensure adequate focus in line with PSCOs’ methods we recommend that you make use of the enclosed inspection list from Paris MoU. It may be helpful to try to see the same things with “a pair of different eyes”.

Note II: We also recommend that a target date is set for finalisation of follow-up on deficient items and irregular or incomplete records, so that you ensure readiness when the concentrated campaign starts in a couple of months.

Enclosure: [Paris MoU CIC Checklist](#)