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FOREWORD

We are pleased to present the third issue of the Annual Report on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region which is published under the auspices of the Port State Control Committee of the Black Sea MOU, which covers port State control activities and developments in the year 2004.

The member Authorities of the Black Sea MOU are committed to the objectives of improving maritime safety and protecting the marine environment from ship-sourced pollution in the Black Sea region with the development and implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (BS MOU) which entered into force on 19 December 2000.

To achieve these objectives, which require implementation of an effective port State control regime, the Maritime Authorities devoted all possible resources to the port State control inspections which remains a highly effective weapon in combating unseaworthy and substandard shipping, and continuing inability or unwillingness of some flag States and ship operators to fulfill their obligations under the international maritime conventions.

Since the BS MOU came into effect on 19 December 2000, the PSC regime has made significant progress in the region. Maritime Authorities established PSC inspection services and they are taking necessary measures for further strengthening PSC activities by ensuring that their PSC Officers are familiar with the applicable IMO, ILO regulations, PSC Manual, as well as remain consistent and impartial in their judgement.

The BS MOU responds to world events in addressing new safety requirements, maritime security, working and living conditions, training, certification issues through action at the International Maritime Organisation and the International Labour Organisation. Port State control will no doubt be a crucial tool in ensuring any measures are effectively implemented in future and through member Authorities active engagement in their development, Black Sea MOU will be well placed to respond to any challenges presented.

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OVERVIEW

The Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (BS MOU) was completed and signed in Istanbul, Turkey on 7 April 2000 by representatives of the Maritime Authorities of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine. On December 19, 2000 the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (BS MOU) entered into effect in the Black Sea Region for three maritime States accepted BS MOU. By December 12, 2002 the BS MOU entered into effect for all maritime States in the Black Sea, namely: Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.

The Port State Control Committee established under the Memorandum monitors and controls implementation and on-going operation of the Memorandum. The Committee consists of representatives of the maritime Authorities of the six member States and observers representatives from the International Maritime Authorities (IMO), the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The main objective of the Committee and member Authorities is to establish an effective port State control regime in the Black Sea region, through co-operation and harmonization of the PSC activities to eliminate sub-standard shipping so as to promote maritime safety, to protect the marine environment and to safeguard working and living conditions on board.

As a long-term task the organization intends to inspect all ships coming to the Black Sea. As an initial measure the Black Sea MOU Committee decided to inspect 15% of individual foreign ships calling ports of each MOU Authority.

On the agreement by the Tokyo MOU the Russian Federation has developed and launched the Black Sea Information System (BSIS), PSC computerized information system for the Black Sea MOU, basing on the technique used for the Asia Pacific Computerized Information System (APCIS), PSC information system for the Tokyo MOU, also developed by Russia.

This annual report outlines recent activities on port State control in the Black Sea region, as well as international perspectives on port State control and includes the statistical port State inspection data conducted by the member Authorities of the BS MOU during the year 2004.

The BS MOU Secretariat Headquarter Agreement signed by the Secretariat with the Government of Turkey which is ratified on 26 November 2004 by the Republic of Turkey Parliament.

Regional PSCO exchange program has been initiated in 2003 continued in the 2004 and PSCOs from Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia, Russian Federation and Turkey participated into the program.



PORT STATE CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Port State Control Committee, the executive body under the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (Black Sea MOU), met in Novorossiysk, Russia, from 27 to 30 April 2004 for its fifth session. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Vitali Kliuev, the Russian Federation.

The fifth meeting was attended by representatives of the member Authorities of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine and observer from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), United States Coast Guard (USCG) participated to the meeting.

Member Authorities presented information about their national arrangements for port State control activities including important organizational changes and availability of dedicated PSC structures.

The Committee considered and approved in principle the 2003 Annual Report to be published in May 2004, upon finalization of statistics and incorporation of editorial improvements and decided for further action deemed necessary for compilation and publication of the report and on the submission of the Annual Report 2003 by Ukraine to IMO on behalf of member Authorities of the BS MOU with a cover note prepared in co-ordination with the Chairman and the Secretariat.

The Committee accepted the Initial "Rules of Procedure for Review Board" to implement on a trial basis and agreed BS MOU Rules of Procedure for Review Board to be displayed on the BS MOU Web Site www.bsmou.org.

The Port State Control Committee also discussed issues regarding maritime security. The Committee agreed to take a harmonized approach for checking of maritime security during PSC inspections. Recognizing the importance of ensuring effective implementation of the ISPS Code, the Committee decided that, as a demonstration of the commitment of the Black Sea MOU, a letter of warning will be issued from 1 May 2004 to ships to which the ISPS Code is applicable and which are found not ready for compliance with requirements of the ISPS Code. Moreover, the Committee agreed to carry out a concentrated inspection campaign from 1 July to 30 September 2004, simultaneously with the Paris MOU, Tokyo MOU and USCG, and using the same check list.



The Committee approved launching public MOU web-site available at [www.blacksea-mou.com](#) and in order to provide transparency of the BS MOU activity and taking into account of successful operation of the BSIS it is decided to start open publication of PSC inspection results in Internet via public MOU web-site. To initiate implementation of public hyperlinks between BS MOU and other regional organizations.

The Committee agreed;

1. to conduct of an early verification of compliance with the ISPS Code requirement with a letter of warning;
2. to conduct a concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on maritime security from 1 July 2004 to 30 September 2004;
3. to request IMO Secretary General for the initiation of a pilot project on regional implementation of the ISPS Code;
4. to add present disclaimer on the detention list that, "Data can not be used in anyway for commercial purposes, in any sort of products and services which are not freely available to the public without prior consent of the BS MOU Committee."

Necessary actions have been taken by the maritime Authorities and Secretariat for the implementation of the decisions of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to invite USCG and other organizations, which conditionally granted observer status at Varna meeting, for sending official letter of application for observer status if they wish so.

The Committee considered MED MOU Secretariat's application for the observer status, and unanimously agreed to grant observer status to the MED MOU Secretariat.

The Committee unanimously elected Dr. Vitalii Kliuev, the Russian Federation, as a Chairman and Captain Valerian Imnaishvili as Vice-Chairman for the next session.

The sixth meeting of the Port State Control Committee is planned to be held in Batumi, Georgia in April 2005.

BLACK SEA INFORMATION SYSTEM (BSIS)

The Committee of the Black Sea MOU considers transparency of the PSC activity as one of the most important elements in achieving goals of PSC – full implementation of international standards in maritime safety, security and environmental protection. To provide industry with the MOU news, procedures and inspection results the Black Sea MOU launched the Internet web-site containing general information on MOU, regularly updated detention list, and a direct link to the MOU database providing on-the-fly inspection results. The Black Sea MOU issued second time annual report for year 2003 and the report would be presented to the IMO bodies for consideration. The report is already available for public via BS MOU web-site.

BS MOU ON THE INTERNET

The BS MOU official web-site has been developed and launched by the BSIS on January 1st, 2004. The web-site has public and private ones. Public section is designed and opened for general access, it provides information on the

MOU activity and other relevant issues. Public section is designed and opened for general access; it provides common information on the MOU activity and other relevant issues. The public section of the Memorandum web-site can be reached via address www.bsmou.org.

The second section of the web-site is designed to be internal one. This section is for the MOU members and observers only. It is specially developed for easy access of MOU parties to working papers and other inward issues. The internal section is locked by login / password designed separately for each member, observer, and the Secretariat.

Quarterly detention lists prepared and disseminated by the Secretariat and displayed on the BS MOU web-site.

REVIEW BOARD

Working Group on Review Board Lead by Bulgaria conveyed during the fifth Committee meeting prepared draft "Rules of Procedures". The Committee accepted the "Rules of Procedure for Review Board" to be implemented on a trial basis. BS MOU Rules of Procedure for Review Board is displayed on the BS MOU Web Site www.bsmou.org.

BS MOU PSC MANUAL

Working Group on PSC Manual conveyed during the fifth Committee meeting and submitted proposal on the improvement of the BS MOU PSC Manual which was adopted by the Committee.

TRAINING

TRAINING STRATEGY

In accordance with the Committee decision Long Term(5 year) and Two Year Implementation Plan has been prepared and submitted to the IMO in order to stipulate IMO support to the BS MOU training activity.

PSCO SEMINAR

Two Senior PSCOs from BS MOU (Romania, Turkey) participated into the Paris MoU 39th Seminar on "Protocol 1997 to MARPOL 73/78 (Annex VI) , Thickness Measurements, Voyage Data Recorder", held from 7 to 9 December 2004 in Ghent, BELGIUM.

PSCO EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Based upon Maritime Authorities submission of proposals for both receiving and sending PSCOs, Secretariat prepared coordinated 2004 PSCO Exchange programme and circulated it to the Maritime Authorities for confirmation. Confirmed programme implemented by the Authorities.

Romania sent 2 PSCOs to Turkey, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Russian Federation; Georgia sent 2 PSCOs to Turkey; Russian Federation sent 2 PSCOs to Bulgaria; Turkey sent 2 PSCOs to Russian Federation, Ukraine; and Ukraine sent 2 PSCOs to Turkey.

HEADQUARTER AGREEMENT

The BS MOU Secretariat Headquarter Agreement has been signed on October 18, 2003, ratified by the Republic of Turkey Parliament on 20 December 2005 with the Law No. 5245.

INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION

Since the Paris MOU entered into effect in the early 1980s and the IMO adopted resolution A.682 (17), port State control has gradually made significant developments. These have been achieved through the dedicated commitments of responsible maritime Authorities implementing port State control activities through regional agreements / memorandas. Port State control is now widely accepted as a major driving force in maritime safety and an effective method for combating the risks posed by substandard ships.

It is clear from the PSC practice that the regional approach to the activity is the most effective one. At the same time, the only globally harmonized efforts may lead to the goals of our activity. In this respect the Black Sea MOU Authorities confirm their support to the International Maritime Organization as a leader and coordinator of port State control. The Black Sea MOU was initiated by IMO and supported by it in many developments including training and technical cooperation projects.

The BS MOU was represented by the Chairman Dr. Vitali Kliuev at the second Joint Ministerial Conference of the Paris and Tokyo Memoranda, which was held in Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA; at 2-3 November 2004.

In spite of the fact that the Black Sea MOU was just an observer to the Conference, the Committee considered that the Declaration ideas are very useful and may be supported and utilized by the Black Sea MOU. The Committee agreed to implement the Declaration provisions in the Black Sea region as much as possible and to cooperate with both Paris and Tokyo Memoranda in that implementation.

The BS MOU pays great attention to the global harmonization of the port State control procedures. Thus, the Black Sea MOU is accepted as an observer to several regional PSC agreements, that is, Tokyo MOU, Mediterranean MOU, Indian Ocean MOU, Vina Del Mar Agreement. All regional agreements / memorandas Secretariats are invited to participate into the BS MOU Committee meetings. The Paris MOU Committee granted associate status to the BS MOU. The BS MOU has participated in recent concentrated inspection campaign on maritime security together with the Paris and Tokyo MOUs and US Coast Guard. As a part of the global cooperation activity the Black Sea MOU in collaboration with the Tokyo MOU introduced a project of mutual port State control data exchange via respective regional information systems which is a unique working project. As a result, the officers of both regions may collect more comprehensive data related to ships to be inspected for more focused and more targeted inspections.

The Port State Control Committee considered application for observer status by the Mediterranean MOU and unanimously accepted it as observer to the Black Sea MOU.

The BS MOU was represented by the Secretary, and the BSIS Manager at the IMO Third Workshop for regional port State control agreement secretaries and directors of information centres which was held at the IMO Headquarters from 9 to 11 June 2004.

Delegation from the Permanent Secretariat Ministry of Transport of Nigeria and Abuja MoU on Port State Control

Secretariat visited the BS MOU Secretariat on a technical cooperation tour, on 23rd September 2004, which was useful to elaborate possible areas of co-operation, exchange of view. Abouja MOU Secretariat applied observer status which will be considered by the BS MOU Committee.

The BS MOU Secretariat was represented by the Secretary at the 14th Port state Control Committee of the Tokyo MOU which was held in Shanghai China from 22-25 November 2004.

The BS MOU represented by the Captain Marian Popescu (Romania, Leader of the WG on PSC Manual) at the 10th meeting of the Paris MOU Technical Evaluation Group from 16 to 18 November 2004 in Paris France.



Visit of the West and Central Africa MOU Secretariat delegation to the BS MOU Secretariat