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PRESS RELEASE

BS MOU RESULTS OF THE CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS

In order to promote compliance with the international standards for the living and working conditions for seafarers, the Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control(Black Sea MOU) Committee agreed during its last meeting in Batumi to conduct a concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on compliance with the W&L conditions. The campaign was held between the 1st September- 30th November 2005. Romania agreed to be the campaign coordinator.

The CIC inspections conducted in conjunction with routine port State control inspections and during every port State control inspection within the Black Sea region, the working and living conditions verified in more detail for compliance with the international standards of ILO Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 147) and the Protocol 1996 to ILO 147. For this purpose Port State Control Officers used a standard check list of 12 selected areas and items of inspection.

If deficiencies are found, the Port State Control Officer conducted an in depth investigation into working and living conditions on board. All inspections has been inserted in the Black Sea Information System.

During the campaign a total of 1065 vessels were inspected and a total of 93 ships were detained for non compliance, number of detentions due non compliance with the ILO matters was 5.

The campaign, revealed that more than 31% of the 1065 inspections had deficiencies (total 679) in at least one of the selected inspections areas. Most ILO deficiencies were found in the areas of hospital accommodation, condition of the galley and sanitary facilities.

General cargo/multi purpose ships were the worst performing ship type (50%), followed by bulk carriers (25%).

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