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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON MARPOL Annex 1

The six member Maritime Authorities (Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine) of the Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control will carry out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) focussing on how requirements for preventing marine pollution from ships (MARPOL73/78, Annex 1) have been implemented. Starting on October 01, 2006, the inspection campaign will last 3 months, ending on December 31, 2006. The Campaign Coordinator Authority is the Republic of Turkey Undersecretary for Maritime Affairs.

The CIC inspections will be conducted in conjunction with routine port State control inspections and during every port State control inspection within the Black Sea region, the ship's oil filtering equipment and record keeping shall be verified in more detail for compliance with the international standards.

For this purpose Port State Control Officers shall use a standard check list of 13 selected areas and items of inspection. Serious deficiencies may lead to the detention of the ship until they have been rectified.

All inspections will be inserted in the Black Sea Information System(BSIS). The results of the campaign shall be analysed early next year and will be submitted to the Committee of the Black Sea MOU.

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