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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON TANKER DAMAGE STABILITY COMPLIANCE

In accordance with the decision of the Port State Control Committee, the concentrated inspection campaign(CIC) on the Tanker Damage Stability in the Black Sea region was conducted from 01 September till 30 November 2010 under coordination of the Russian Federation.

Within the campaign the Black Sea MOU Authorities gathered information regarding the application of damage stability to tankers in order to ensure existing IMO instruments are enforced in a consistent manner

For the purpose of interregional harmonization of the action the Black Sea MOU used the model of relevant Questionnaire developed by the Paris MOU with a check list of 9 selected areas and items of inspection.

During the CIC the Black Sea MOU Authorities conducted 229 inspections on board 227 individual tankers. In average, 95% of all individual tankers entered ports of Black Sea MOU were inspected within the frame of the CIC. CIC topic related deficiencies were found about 41% of the inspected tankers. There were no CIC topic related deficiencies leading detentions.

The most number of inspections were conducted over the tankers flying the flags of Malta (17,0%) and Turkey (13,7%). Majority of tankers were younger than 5 years old (38,5%). Maximum CIC topic related deficiency was observed on tankers from 5 to 10 years old.

During the campaign it was identified that 97% of the inspected tankers had onboard an approved stability information book. At 96% of inspected tankers the approved stability information book was written at the language understandable by the master. At 89% of inspected tankers the master could demonstrate normal loading of the ship with stability information book.

Detailed analysis of the results of the campaign will be considered by the Black Sea MOU Port State Control Committee in March 2011.

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