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# CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON STRUCTURAL SAFETY ON INTERNATIOAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES

**The 45 Maritime Authorities of the Paris and the Tokyo Memoranda on Port State Control will begin a joint concentrated inspection campaign with the purpose to ensure compliance with structural safety and the Load Line Convention. This inspection campaign will be held for 3 months, beginning 1 September ending on 30 November 2011.**

In the light of the Black Sea Memoranda on Port State Control(BS MOU) follow-up action plan on the implementation of the Tokyo and Paris MOU Ministerial Declaration, the BS MOU has been conducting concentrated inspection campaigns jointly with the Paris and Tokyo MOUs.

In this respect, the six member Authorities of the (Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine) will conduct a CIC on the compliance of all types of ships with the structural safety requirements and the provisions of the International Convention on Load Lines jointly with the Paris and Tokyo Memorandas. The States party of the Viña del Mar Agreement, the Indian Ocean MOU, the Mediterranean MOU will also participate into the campaign.

The background for this CIC is that, as an average for the last 8 years, deficiencies related to structural safety and load lines account, for 15% of the total number of deficiencies.

Furthermore, structural safety for ship types other than bulk carrier and compliance with the Load Line Convention in general have never been addressed with the special attention typical for a CIC.

During this campaign Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will verify applicable documents and aspects as loading instruments, the protection of hatch openings, the vessel's hull, bulkheads and deck and other features of the Load Line Convention and structural integrity in more detail.

For this purpose PSCOs will be guided by a questionnaire listing a number of items to be covered during this concentrated inspection developed by the Paris and Tokyo Memorandas which will be published on their respective web-pages in the beginning of August.

If deficiencies are found, the Port State Control Officer will conduct an in depth investigation on the Structural Safety and Load Lines compliance and take action which may vary up to detention of the ship until deficiencies have been rectified.

All inspections will be inserted in the Black Sea Information System. The results of the campaign shall be analysed and will be submitted to the Black Sea MOU Committee for submission to the IMO.