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RESULTS OF THE CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON HARMFUL SUBSTANCES (MARINE POLLUTANTS) CARRIED IN PACKAGED FORM

The members of the BS MOU undertook a Concentrated Inspection Campaign on the harmful substances (marine pollutants) carried in packaged form (MARPOL Annex III, SOLAS VII and the IMDG Code) from April to June 2011 which was conducted by the Tokyo MOU in 2010. Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia acted as campaign co-ordinator.

During this period 470 CIC inspections were carried out of which 23 (4.89%) are ships either carrying or loading marine pollutants. Each inspection asked 11 questions covering documentation and certification, emergency procedures, stowage and securing and carriage of Marine Pollutants in Packaged Form as prescribed in MARPOL Annex III, the IMDG code and Chapter VII of SOLAS. Of the ships carrying or loading Marine Pollutants. Result of the CIC was very promising since there were no detentions due to the questions.

During the CIC a total of 16 instances of non-compliance were noted. The most significant problem areas related to documentation, with 11 (68.75%) instances noted, and cargo marking, stowing and securing, with 5 (31,25%) of instances noted .

The results of the Campaign will be further analysed and presented to the Committee of the BS MOU for consideration.

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