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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE CIC ON FIRE SAFETY

From 1 September 2023 to 30 November 2023, the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (BS MoU) carried out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Fire Safety.

The campaign involved all member Authorities of the BS MoU and was conducted under the campaign coordination of the Maritime Administration of Türkiye. This campaign was conducted in conjunction with the Paris and Tokyo Memoranda, as well as other regional PSC Regimes, utilizing the Guidelines and Questionnaires of the Paris and Tokyo Memorandums. The campaign shows the following preliminary results.

Over the course of the CIC period, involving all types of ships, a total of 1,237 inspections were carried out. Of these inspections, 922 inspections were performed using the CIC questionnaire and a ship was subjected to CIC inspection only ones during the campaign period. According to data from the Black Sea Information System (BSIS), 15 ships were detained as a direct result of the CIC concerning deficiencies related to fire safety, reflecting a CIC topic related detention rate of 1.63%.

The most notable deficiencies found during the campaign were associated with:

- the maintenance of fire doors in good working condition (36.0%);
- periodic testing of fixed fire detection and alarm systems (21.6%);
- the capability of ventilation closing appliances to be closed (16.8%); and
- the satisfactory conduct of witnessed fire drills (9.6%).

The greatest number of inspections were carried out on ships flying the flags of Panama with 180 inspections (19.52%), Liberia with 153 inspections (16.59%) and the Marshall Islands with 89 inspections (9.65%). The majority of detained ships displaying CIC-related detainable deficiency(s) in the region were flagged by Panama, resulting in 5 detentions, followed by Liberia with 2 detentions and Tanzania with 2 detentions.

According to type of ship, the highest number of CIC were conducted on general cargo/multi-purpose ships with 336 inspections (36.44%), followed by bulk carriers with 271 inspections (29.39%), oil/chemical tankers with 114 inspections (12.36%) and oil tankers with 88 inspections (9.54%), which comprises 809 total CIC inspections with 87.74 percentage rate.

It is noteworthy that older ships, particularly those 25 years and older, comprised the majority of detentions (10). No detentions were observed among ships younger than 10 years old and no non-compliant CIC inspections were recorded for new ships aged 0-5.

The results of the campaign will be further analysed and the findings will be presented at the 24th meeting of the Black Sea Port State Control Committee, after which the report will be submitted to the International Maritime Organization.

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