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PRESS RELEASE**CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON
CARGO SECURING**

The member Authorities of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (BS MoU) will conduct a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Cargo Securing of Cargo Units and Cargo Transport Units from 1 September to 30 November 2026.

The campaign will be conducted simultaneously with the Paris and Tokyo Memorandums and other regional PSC regimes, under the coordination of the Maritime Administration of Bulgaria. During the campaign, Member Authorities of the Black Sea MoU will carry out the CIC in conjunction with routine port State control inspections. Each ship will be subject to only one inspection under the campaign during its implementation period.

The purpose of the CIC is to verify compliance with the applicable SOLAS requirements relating to the loading, stowage and securing of cargo units and cargo transport units and to collect the corresponding inspection data.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will utilize a pre-defined questionnaire to evaluate how cargo securing obligations have been complied with. In the event of deficiencies are identified, actions by the PSCOs may vary, ranging from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified.

All inspections will be entered into the Black Sea Information System (BSIS) and inspection results will be available for public access on the MoU website.

Following the conclusion of the campaign, a thorough analysis of the results will be conducted and the findings will be presented to the Black Sea MoU PSC Committee for future submission to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

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