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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON FIRE SAFETY

The member Authorities of the Memorandum of Understanding on PSC in the Black Sea Region (BS MoU) will conduct a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Fire Safety.

The three-month campaign will start on September 1st, 2023 and end on November 30th, 2023 under the coordination of the Maritime Administration of Türkiye. The campaign shall be conducted simultaneously with the Paris and Tokyo Memorandums and some other regional PSC regimes.

The CIC on Fire Safety, with the primary objective of enhancing safety at sea, aims to verify the ship's compliance with fire safety requirements contained in the relevant IMO instruments. Additionally, the CIC seeks to raise awareness among the ship crew and owners about the importance of implementing effective fire safety measures.

During the campaign period, member Authorities of the BS MoU will endeavour to inspect, within the resources available, as many ships as possible in alignment with routine port State control inspections. Each ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

The campaign will target compliance on all vessels, regardless of type and will examine specific items related to the campaign in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection. Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 10 questions to assess the adequacy and adherence of fire-fighting systems and equipment to the relevant requirements, that the master and crew members are familiar with operations relating to fire safety, and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

In the event of deficiencies are found during inspections, actions by the Port State Control Officer 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 diligently entered into the Black Sea Information System (BSIS) and made 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 Committee for submission to the IMO.

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