



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL

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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE SAFETY

01 September 2023 to 30 November 2023

The member Authorities of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on “**Fire Safety**”. Inspection campaign will commence from 1 September, 2023 and will continue till 30 November 2023, and will be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU and other interested MoUs.

The purpose of the CIC on **Fire Safety** is;

- To check if ships meet the mandatory requirements for fire safety prescribed in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code);
- To create awareness among the ship’s crew and owners about the importance of fire safety measures;

During the inspection campaign of three months’ period, member Authorities of the IOMOU will carry out the subject inspection within the resources available, as many ships as possible regardless of the type in conjunction with the routine port State control inspections. A ship will be subjected to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will apply a questionnaire developed by the Paris and Tokyo MoU, listing 10 selected areas, to check the arrangements made by the shipping company for the performance of the crew members and are familiar with operations relating to fire safety, and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

Deficiencies found during the inspection campaign will be recorded by the PSCOs and actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period and/or to detain the ship until the serious deficiencies have been rectified.

The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the IOMOU Committee for submission to the International Maritime Organization.

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