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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE CIC ON STABILITY IN GENERAL

From 1st September 2021 to 30th November 2021, the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region (BS MoU) carried out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Stability in General.

The campaign involved all member Authorities of the BS MoU and was conducted under the campaign coordination of the Romanian Naval Authority. This campaign was conducted in conjunction with the Tokyo and Paris MoUs as well as other MoUs, and Paris and Tokyo MoUs' Joint Guidelines and Questionnaire were used. The campaign shows the following preliminary results.

During the CIC period, a total of 1,142 inspections were carried out involving ships. Of these inspections, 983 inspections were performed using the CIC questionnaire involving 983 individual ships. The data from the Black Sea Information System (BSIS) indicates that no ship was detained for issues related to the CIC.

The requirements that reported the full compliance results related to;

- Q1: Has the ship been provided with approved stability information which can be understood and easily used by the Master and loading officer?
- Q2: Is the data used in the stability check for departure complete and correct?
- Q3: Does the ship comply with the stability criteria as applicable to the ship type?
- Q4: Is there evidence to show that the Master or responsible officer can determine the stability of the ship under varying conditions of service using the approved stability information provided on board?
- Q6: If the ship is provided with a Stability Instrument, does the type of stability software in use meet the requirements for the relevant ship type?

The reported most un-favourable results related to the information purpose only questionnaire;

- Q7: If the ship is provided with a Stability Instrument, has the accuracy of the stability instrument been verified periodically by applying at least one approved test condition? (3.8%)

Q8: Has the ship been detained, as a result of the Inspection Campaign? (2.8%)

Most of the 983 of the CIC inspected vessels on Stability requirements were bulk carriers with 364 (37.0%) inspections followed by general cargo/multi-purpose ships 314 (31.9%) inspections, oil tanker with 108 (11.0%) inspections and Chemical tanker with 82 (8.3%) inspections.

The greatest number of the 983 CIC inspections was carried out on board ships flying the flags of Panama with 165 inspections (16.79%), Marshall Islands with 126 inspections (12.82%), Liberia with 121 inspections (12.31%) and Malta with 85 inspections (8.65%).

The results of the campaign will be further analysed, and findings will be presented to the 22nd meeting of the Port State Control Committee on 12-13 April 2022, after which the report will be submitted to the International Maritime Organization.

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