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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON EMERGENCY SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES

The member Authorities of the Memorandum of Understanding on PSC in the Black Sea Region (BS MOU) will conduct a concentrated inspection campaign on Emergency Systems and Procedures.

The three-month campaign will start on September 1st, 2019 and end on November 30th, 2019 under the co-ordination of Executive Agency Maritime Administration, Republic of Bulgaria Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications. The campaign shall be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MOU and Tokyo MOU and other MOUs.

The purpose of the CIC on Emergency Systems and Procedures is to ensure that;

- Ships are capable of responding appropriately and promptly to emergency situations in order to preserve human lives, protect the marine environment and minimize damages to ships;
- Necessary measures are taken by responsible stakeholders, such as shipping companies and ship managers having a direct influence on the safety of ships and by raising their awareness of the importance of ship emergency systems;
- Emergency systems installed on board can be properly operated and effectively managed in any emergency situations; and
- Master and crew of the ship understand their assigned roles and duties in case of emergency and enhance their familiarity with the situations so that they can act immediately when circumstances arise.

During the campaign period, member Authorities of the BS MOU will inspect, within the resources available, as many ships as possible in conjunction with routine port State control inspections.

The campaign will target compliance on all vessels, regardless of type, and will examine specific areas related to the campaign in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection.

A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 11 questions to assess that equipment provided onboard complies with the relevant convention, the master and officers are qualified and familiar with operations relating to shipboard emergency 2 systems and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

If deficiencies are found, actions by the Port State Control Officer may vary 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 inserted in the Black Sea Information System (BSIS) and will be published on-line at the MOU web-site.

The results of the campaign shall be analysed and findings will be presented to the Black Sea MOU Committee for submission to the IMO.

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