

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON MARPOL ANNEX VI**

The member Authorities of the Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control will start a concentrated inspection campaign on MARPOL Annex VI. The three-month campaign will start on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and end on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The campaign shall be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MOU, Tokyo MOU and other MOUs.

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

The main objectives of this CIC are to:

- establish the level of compliance with the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI within the shipping industry;
- create awareness amongst ships' crew and ship owners with regard to the importance of compliance with the provisions of MARPOL Annex VI and the prevention of air pollution;
- send a signal to the industry that prevention of air pollution and enforcement of compliance with applicable requirements is high on the agenda of both MoU member States; and
- underline the responsibility of the Port State Control regime with regards to harmonised enforcement of compliance with the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI, thus improving the level of compliance and ensuring a level playing field.

PSCOs will apply a questionnaire developed by the Tokyo MOU and Paris MOU, listing 11 selected areas to be covered during the inspection campaign, which includes to confirm that the master and officers are qualified and familiar with essential shipboard procedures, operations and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

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

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