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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON PROPULSION AND AUXILIARY MACHINERY

The six member Authorities of the Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine) will start a concentrated inspection campaign on Propulsion and Auxiliary Machinery. The three-month campaign will start on September 1, 2013 and end on November 30, 2013 under co-ordination of the State Inspectorate of Ukraine for Maritime and Inland Water Transport Safety. The campaign will be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MOU, Tokyo MOU and other MOUs.

During the campaign period, member Authorities of the BS MOU will inspect in conjunction with routine port State control inspections and within the resources available, as many ships as possible, to ensure compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-1. The scope of the CIC is the safety of propulsion and auxiliary machinery, especially the working order and maintenance of the main engines, auxiliary engines, auxiliary equipment and their related alarm systems.

Furthermore the CIC is aimed at verifying that the master, officers, engineers and other crew members are familiar with equipment and have received proper training for carrying out their duties.

For the purpose of interregional harmonization of the actions, the Black Sea MOU will use the model of relevant Questionnaire developed by the Paris & Tokyo MOUs with a checklist of selected areas to verify critical areas for the propulsion and auxiliary machinery installations, some of which are related to documentation, main and auxiliary equipment, crew familiarization and operational controls. For this purpose, PSCOs will apply a questionnaire listing a number of items to be covered during the concentrated inspection campaign.

If deficiencies are found, actions by the PSCOs may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing a master to rectify it within a certain period to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified. All inspection data will be entered in the Black Sea Information System and published on the MOU web-site.

The results of the campaign will be analyzed and presented to the Black Sea MOU Committee for further submission to the IMO.

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