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PSC Questionnaire- Safety of Navigation	
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QUESTIONNAIRE CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION (SOLAS CH.V) 2017.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 12 questions to assure that navigation equipment carried onboard complies with the relevant statutory certificates, the master and navigation officers are qualified and familiar with operation of bridge equipment, especially ECDIS, and that navigation equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

1. Is ship's navigation equipment in accordance with its applicable safety certificate (SEC, PSSC, CSSC)?
2. Does the ECDIS have the appropriate up-to-date electronic charts for the intended voyage and is there a suitable back-up arrangement?
3. Is there evidence that all watchkeeping officers comply with STCW requirements for ECDIS?
4. Can watchkeeping officers demonstrate familiarization with ECDIS?
5. Can ship's VDR/SVDR record data fully?
6. Is second and/or third stage remote audible alarm of BNWAS recognized?
7. Is the ship's Automatic Identification System transmitting correct particulars?
8. Does the passage plan cover the whole voyage?
9. Does all crew know and respect the official working language as established and recorded in the ship's logbook?
10. Is the crew familiar with the procedure of emergency operation of steering gear?
11. Are the exhibition of navigation/signal lights in accordance with the requirements of COLREG72?
12. Is the ship detained because of this CIC?

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