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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
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PSC Concentration Inspection Campaign from 1st September 2022

The PSC'S joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) starts on 1 September. The PSC regime will maintain their focus on crew certification and competencies.

Every year, the PSC regimes focus on a specific area for a three-month period.

In addition to the regular PSC inspection items, a separate questionnaire will be used by Port State Officers (PSCOs). The questionnaire will be published by the PSC regimes in early-August to allow owners and crews to be prepared.

The deficiencies in STCW certification and other operational requirements are likely to trigger an ISM-related deficiency because they are affecting the Safety Management Systems (SMS).

The Paris and Tokyo MoUs agreed to carryout a CIC on STCW lasting three months, from 1 September until 30 November 2022.

Nearly all other PSC regimes-such as the Black Sea, Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Riyadh, and Vina del Mar MoUs – have agreed to join this campaign.

As always, the upcoming CIC will be included in routine PSC inspections, and every PSKO will be provided with a common additional checklist with focus item related to this year's topic.

The basis for CIC in 2022 is laid down in IMO Res. A.1155(32), "Procedure for Port State Control 2021", with very detailed instructions provided in Appendix 11 'Guidelines for Port State Control Officers on certification of seafarers, manning, and hours of rest".

CIC will not be limited to certification and document control due to several fake crew certificates and lack of competence of seafarers regarding their certification in the past.

CIC will focus on the evaluation of competence of the Master, officers and crew when performing

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duties and during emergency scenarios.

Other operational inspection areas will be from efficient communication between crew members, and assessing navigational controls such as ECDIS, to voyage planning of safe navigation, and witnessing emergency drills.

Recommendations:

- Check all crew members' certificates of competence are at hand and valid
- Check if the Master List is up-to-date and crew members are familiar with their assigned duties
- Keep hours of rest updated
- Evaluate the effectiveness of familiarization for the Mater and offices in charge
- Familiarize the crew with their duties and with the additional checklist when published

REFERENCES:

- PSC -CIC 1 September 2022

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