

MEMBER ALERT



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NEW PORT STATE CONTROL CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE SAFETY TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

The 43 maritime authorities of the Paris and the Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) with the purpose of ensuring compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2/ Construction - fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction arrangements on board ships.

This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from September 1, 2012 and ending on November 30, 2012.

In practice, the CIC will mean that, during a regular port state control inspection, conducted under the regional ship selection criteria within the Paris and Tokyo MoU regions, the fire safety arrangements, maintenance records and other applicable documentation will be verified in great detail for compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2.

Port state control officers (PSCOs) will apply an additional questionnaire listing twelve selected items to verify critical areas for the shipboard fire safety systems, some of which are related to documentation, equipment and crew familiarization. The questionnaire has been attached to this Member Alert.

As usual, when deficiencies are found, actions by the port state may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period, to detaining the ship until such deficiencies have been rectified.

In the attached questionnaire, if deficiencies are recorded from questions marked with an asterisk (*), then this may also result in a detention.

Members are advised to ensure that the integrity of fire safety measures onboard their ships are maintained in accordance with applicable rules and regulations and that fire safety systems are operational at all times.

For general requirements as to fire safety systems, reference is made to the IMO's International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code), which is mandatory under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS).

REPORT OF CIC ON FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS (FSS).
from 01/09/2012 to 30/11/2012

Ship's Name/IMO No:
Port of Inspection:
Date of Inspection:

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
1	Does the Fire Control Plan meet the requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2a	Do the fire fighters' outfits including personal equipment comply with the requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2b	Do the Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBD) comply with the requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Are the portable extinguishers ready for use in locations as per the fire plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*4	Does the test of automatic audible alarm sound prior to release of a fixed gas fire-extinguishing medium into spaces in which personnel normally work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*5a	Are the fire protection systems, fire fighting-systems and appliances maintained ready for use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5b	Is there a maintenance plan onboard to show that fire protection systems and fire- fighting systems and appliances (as appropriate) have been properly tested and inspected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
*6	Is the crew familiar with the location and operation of fire-fighting systems and appliances that they may be called upon to use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Does the test of the sprinkler system trigger an automatic visual and audible alarm for the section?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*8	Does the activation of any detector or manually operated call point initiate a visual and audible fire signal at the control panel on the bridge or control station?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Is the lighting in escape routes, including the Low Location Lighting systems where applicable properly maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*10	Is the Emergency Fire pump, capable of producing at least two jets of water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Are the Isolating valves of the fire main marked, maintained and easily operable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*12	Where a fire drill was witnessed was it found to be satisfactory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Was the ship detained as a result of the CIC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Notes: If the box "No" is ticked off, for questions marked with an "*" the ship may be considered for detention. The detail of any deficiencies should be appropriately entered on the PSC Report of Inspection -Form B and include the deficiency code as indicated in the question.

For questions combined with the conjunction "and" if the box "YES" is checked that means all the parts in the question are in compliance.