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PARIS AND TOKYO MOU STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW): CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN

The Paris and Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control have today issued a press release announcing that they intend to launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) paying particular attention to compliance with the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention requirements. The inspection campaign will be conducted between September 1, 2022 and November 30, 2022.

The campaign on STCW aims to confirm that:

- the number of seafarers serving on board and their certificates are in conformity with the relevant provisions of STCW Convention and Code and the applicable safe manning requirements as determined by the Flag State Administration;
- all seafarers serving on board, who are required to be certificated in accordance with STCW Convention, hold an appropriate certificate or a valid dispensation, or provide documentary proof that an application for an endorsement has been submitted to the Flag State Administration;
- the seafarers on board hold a valid medical certificate as required by the STCW Convention; and
- the watchkeeping schedules and hours of rest indicate compliance with the requirements of the STCW Convention and Code.

The CIC will assist in raising the awareness of shipowners, operators and crew on the specific requirements in the STCW Convention and Code. The CIC inspections will be applicable for all ships and conducted in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection. A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers will use a list of predefined questions during the CIC. If 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 of time, to detaining the ship until the detainable deficiencies have been rectified.

Your Managers recommend that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly.