



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL

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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON CREW WAGES AND SEAFARERS' EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS (MLC)

01 September 2024 to 30 November 2024

The member Authorities of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on “**Crew Wages and Seafarers' Employment Agreement (MLC)**”. Inspection campaign will commence from 1 September, 2024 and will continue till 30 November 2024, and will be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU and other interested MoUs.

The purpose of this CIC is;

- to check the conditions of the employment for seafarers, their working and living conditions, health and safety and welfare of the seafarers' onboard ships, are in conformity with the relevant provisions of MLC and the applicable requirements of the flag State;
- to raise awareness of shipowners, operators and seafarers on the specific requirements that the CIC will address.

During the inspection campaign of three months' period, member Authorities of the IOMOU will carry out the subject inspection within the resources available, as many ships as possible regardless of the type in conjunction with the routine port State control inspections. A ship will be subjected to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will apply a questionnaire developed by the Paris and Tokyo MoU, listing 11 Questions, to check the arrangements made by the shipping company in the fulfilment of their obligations.

Deficiencies found during the inspection campaign will be recorded by the PSCOs and actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period and/or to detain the ship until the serious deficiencies have been rectified.

The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the IOMOU Committee for submission to the International Maritime Organization.

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