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Marine Inspection Notice

CARIBBEAN PORT STATE CONTROL REGIMES ANNOUNCE 2014 CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN

The Maritime Authorities of the Caribbean Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control (PSC) will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) with the purpose of ensuring compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS). The CIC is further designed to ensure that the firefighting equipment is readily available and maintained at all times; that the master, officers, and crew are familiar with the equipment and have received training in carrying out their duties; and to raise awareness of fire safety related issues. This inspection campaign will be held for three months, **1 September 2014** through **30 November 2014**.

Owners and operators of U.S. flag vessels should expect that during regular PSC inspections selected items will be inspected in more detail for compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the FSS Code, including; the fire safety plan, fire control measures, drills, crew awareness, and other applicable documentation. Port State Control Officers will apply the enclosed questionnaire of 11 selected items relating to documentation, equipment, and crew familiarization.

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 vessel until serious deficiencies have been rectified. Additionally, U.S. vessel detentions may result in a follow-up inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard and/or the authorized classification society if applicable. The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of the MoUs for submission to the IMO.

U.S.-flag vessel owners and operators are encouraged to take the steps necessary to become familiar with the CIC criteria prior to the campaign. Verifying that vessels meet applicable requirements under SOLAS in advance of foreign voyages and port calls can go a long way toward facilitating PSC inspections.

Officers in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMIs) are requested to facilitate wide distribution of this Notice to vessel operators that could be affected. The Coast Guard stands ready to assist vessels owners and operators in this compliance effort. Please contact your OCMI with questions.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to LT Cory Heard, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, Commandant (CG-CVC) at 202-372-1208.

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REPORT OF CIC ON FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS (FSS).

from **01/09/2014** to **30/11/2014**

Ship's Name / IMO No:

Port of Inspection:

Date of Inspection:

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
1	Is the Fire Control Plan present, permanently exhibited and up to date ? SOLAS Ch II-2/ Reg 15.2.4 (Def codes: 0755 / 07122) ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Do the fire fighters' outfits including personal equipment comply with the requirements? SOLAS Ch II-2/ Reg 10.10 (Def codes: 0730 / 07110)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Do the Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBD) comply with the requirements? SOLAS Ch II-2/ Reg 13.3.4 and Reg 13.4.3 (Def codes: 0736 / 07112)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Are the portable extinguishers ready for use in locations as per the fire control plan? SOLAS Ch II-2/Reg 10.3.2.4 (Def codes: 0720 / 07108)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5*	Does the automatic audible alarm sound prior to the release of a fixed gas fire-extinguishing medium into spaces in which personnel normally work? FSS Ch 5/ Reg 2.1.3.2 (Def codes 0725 / 07109)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6*	Are the fire protection systems, firefighting-systems and appliances maintained / ready for use? SOLAS/Ch II-2/ Reg 14.2.1 (Def codes: 0720 / 07108)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ The mentioned deficiencies codes are respectively for the Caribbean MOU,CMIC- and CMIS-database

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
7	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? SOLAS/Ch II-2/ Reg14.2.2 (Def codes: 0720 / 07108) ¹	<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? SOLAS Ch II-2/ Reg 7.4.2 (Def codes: 0715 / 07106)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9*	Is the emergency fire pump, capable of producing at least two jets of water? SOLAS/Ch II-2/ Reg 10.2.2.3.1 and Reg 10.2.2.4.2 (Def codes: 0739 / 07113)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Are the isolating valves of the fire main marked, maintained and easily operable? SOLAS/Ch II-2/ Reg10.2.1.4 (Def codes: 0730 / 07110)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11*	Where a fire drill was witnessed was it found to be satisfactory? SOLAS Ch II-2/ Reg 15.2.2.5 and SOLAS Ch-III/ Reg 19.3 (Def codes: 2020 / 07125)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Was the ship detained as a result of the CIC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Notes:

If the box "No" is ticked off; than the details of the deficiencies should be appropriately entered on the PSC Report of Inspection - Form B and include the deficiency code as indicated in the question.

If the box "No" is ticked off for questions marked with an asterix "*" the ship may be considered for detention.

For statistical purposes please send the questionnaire together with the inspection report to the CMOU secretariat, caribmou@caribbeanmou.org.

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