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**To :** Representatives of Gabon flagged vessels, Deputy Registrars, Ship-owners & Ship-operators, Masters, Recognized Organisation and Flag State Surveyors.

**Subject: “Port State Control - Concentrated Inspection Campaigns 2021”.**

**Scope:** This Merchant Marine Circular aims to highlight to the International Registry of Gabon stakeholders that the maritime authorities of the Paris and Tokyo MOUs on Port State Control (PSC) have announced that they will be running their Concentrated Inspection Campaigns (CIC) from 01 September 2021 to 30 November 2021. Furthermore, the Black Sea, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Riyadh and Vina del Mar MoUs have declared that they will be joining the scheme.

**References:**

- A. Paris MoU press release: Launch of joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Stability in general.
1. The Member Authorities of the Tokyo and the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Stability (in general). This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2021 and ending 30 November 2021. Moreover, with the joint press release dated 23 July 2021, the Paris and Tokyo MOUs published the respective questionnaire for this year’s CIC (see attached press release).
2. The purpose of the campaign on ship stability in general is to:
  - Confirm that the ship’s crew are familiar with assessing the actual stability condition on completion of cargo operations before departure of the ship and on all stages of the voyage;



- Create awareness among the ship’s crew and owners about the importance of calculating the actual stability condition of the ship on completion of cargo operations and before departure of the ship; and
  - Verify that the ship complies with intact stability requirements and damage stability;
3. Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use the above indicated pre-defined questionnaire to assess that information and equipment provided onboard complies with the relevant conventions, that the master and officers are familiar with operations relating to stability (in general) and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning. A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.
  4. The CIC will be included in the routine PSC inspections in the period from September to November 2021. The attending Port State Control Officer (PSCO) will assess if the master and responsible officers are well trained and familiarized with the systems provided on board. Any deficiencies found during the CIC will be reported in the PSC inspection report with the related PSC Code. Finally, stability related deficiencies might be connected with the Safety Management System (SMS) and can trigger an ISM-related deficiency, especially if there are numerous or reoccurring deficiencies.
  5. The Black Sea, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Riyadh and Vina del Mar MoUs will join this initiative, whereby the Caribbean MoU, US Coast Guard and AMSA have their own CIC or local inspection campaigns. The results of the campaign will be analysed and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of both MoUs for submission to the IMO.
  6. The International Ship Registry of Gabon recommends both to companies and masters to take note of this information and be guided accordingly and in particular take under consideration the provisions of the applicable IMO instruments, including:
    - i. The International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended,
    - ii. The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended,
    - iii. The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended,
    - iv. The Intact Stability Code,
    - v. The ISM Code,
    - vi. MSC.1/Circ. 1461 Guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers,
    - vii. MSC.1/Circ. 1475 Guidelines regarding the verified gross mass of a container carrying cargo.

**Encl.:**

1. Paris MoU press release: Launch of joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Stability in general | Paris MoU (<https://www.parismou.org/launch-joint-concentrated-inspection-campaign-stability-general>) including the Questionnaire for the 2020 CIC on Ship’s Stability in general.