Press Release

IOMOU Ship inspection data retrieval mobile web app launched
(http://iomou.nic.in/mobile/imosearch.php)

The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on port State control (IOMOU) held its eighteenth Committee meeting in Mauritius from the 25th - 28th of August, 2015. This meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Francois BEAUGRAND, Deputy PSC Coordinator, Directorate for Maritime Affaires, Ministere de l'Ecologie, du Developpement durable et de l'Energie, France. The meeting was officially declared open by Hon. Mr. Premdut KOONJOO, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands. While addressing the Committee members, he stated that the policy objective of the Government with regard to the shipping sector is to facilitate the development of shipping and shipping related activities in an environment which ensures maritime safety, maritime security and the prevention of marine pollution from ships.

Capt. Pravinchand SEEBALUCK, Director of Shipping, welcomed the Hon. Minister and the delegates to the Committee meeting.

The eighteenth meeting of the port State control Committee was attended by 13 of the 17 member States viz. Australia, Bangladesh, France (La Reunion), India, Iran, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, South Africa, Sudan and Tanzania while the authorities of Comoros, Eritrea, Yemen and Sri Lanka were not able to attend. In addition, the representatives of Madagascar, US Coast Guard, Black Sea MoU, Paris MoU and Riyadh MoU participated in the meeting as observers.

The report of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on STCW hours of rest, carried out from September to November 2014, was presented to the Committee. The Committee noted with concern that during the CIC, 23 ships were detained as a result of the CIC.

The Committee agreed to conduct CIC for Cargo Securing in 2016.
The Committee members were informed of the successful conduct of the second Expert Mission Training Programme organized by the IOMOU Secretariat with the help of Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) under the AusAID Australian Public Sector Linkages Programme (PSLP) for PSCOs under the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), and conducted by the Tokyo MOU in Durban, South Africa. 19 participants attended the course from Bangladesh, Eritrea, India, Kenya, Maldives, Mozambique, Oman, Sudan and South Africa. The third Expert Mission Training Programme is scheduled to be held in December 2015, in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman with the assistance of the Tokyo MoU.

A training programme jointly organized by the International Maritime Organization through Technical Cooperation fund and the IOMOU on the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 in Chennai, India is scheduled to be held in November/December, 2015. Participants from other six MOUs are also invited.

The Committee adopted the 2014 Annual Report including the overview of the activities of the IOMOU for the period and the statistics including inspections. A total of 6059 inspections were carried out in 2014. Out of these 6059 inspections, 3469 inspections had deficiencies and the total number of deficiencies was 16856. Serious deficiencies noted by PSCOs led to the detention of 379 ships.

The number of inspections increased by 13% in 2014. There was a decrease in the detention rate from 7.07% in 2013 to 6.26% in 2014.

The Committee discussed matters relating to PSC technical procedures and guidelines, concentrated inspection campaigns, information system and information exchange, evaluation of work done by the Secretariat and the IOCIS Manager, statistical analysis, evaluation of the IOMOU performance and effectiveness of the PSC inspections of the member Authorities, regional and interregional technical co-operation activities.

The Committee noted that during the year 2014, the Secretariat had not received any case of appeal for the detention review.

The Committee also reviewed the achievement status of the adopted Strategic Plan for the IOMOU for the period 2013-18. Various correspondence groups were formed to complete the ongoing task.

In order to promote better understanding of the activities of the organization and to monitor the developments and changes in the industry which could impact the quality of shipping, the Committee had decided to have a forum with the industry during the sixteenth Committee meeting. Accordingly, a forum was held on 28 August, 2015, and an interactive session was held with the representatives from the Association of Asian Classification Societies (ACS) and the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

IOMOU Ship inspection data retrieval mobile web app was launched on 26.08.2015 by the Chairman. The app provides users with details related to ship inspection, target factor, detention (if any), deficiencies and certificates at a first instance based on input, either with the IMO No. or Ship Name. It also provides link to most recent ship inspections.
On behalf of the member States, Mr. Francois BEAUGRAND concluded the meeting by remarking that significant progress has been made on port State control issues during this meeting. In particular he thanked the Maritime Administration of the Republic of Mauritius, for the exceptional arrangements they made for this Committee meeting. He also thanked the member States and the IOMOU Secretariat for their contribution.

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