



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL SECRETARIAT

Press Release

The Committee Celebrated 20th Anniversary of the IOMOU during the Twenty - Second Committee meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa

IOMOU agrees to conduct CIC for Stability in General in 2020

The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control held its twenty-second Committee meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, from 19-23 August, 2019. This meeting was hosted by the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) and chaired by Ms. Beatrice Nyamoita, Deputy Director, Shipping & Maritime, State Department of Transport, Kenya.

The meeting was officially declared opened by Mr. Sobantu Tilayi, Acting Chief Executive Officer, South African Maritime Safety Authority.

Members Authorities Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Seychelles, South Africa and Tanzania. In addition Paris MoU and Caribbean MoU participated in the meeting as observers.

The Committee deliberated on the New Inspection Regime (NIR) implemented from 1 January, 2018, and took note of the satisfactorily implementation of the NIR.

The Correspondence Group presented the report of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on MARPOL Annex VI to the Committee which was carried out from 1 September to 30 November 2018. The Committee noted that during the course of the campaign, the member States carried out 1291 port State control inspections on individual vessels. Of these PSC inspections, 1007 inspections were carried out with a CIC questionnaire and one ship was detained as a direct result of the MARPOL Annex VI issues. The Committee approved the outcome of the CIC analysis to be submitted to the Implementation of IMO Instruments (III), 7th session.

The Committee has also agreed to conduct CIC for Stability in General in 2020 in conjunction with Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU.

The Committee adopted the 2018 Annual Report including the overview of the activities of the IOMOU for the period and the statistics including inspections. A total of 5697 inspections were carried out in 2018. Out of these 5697 inspections, 2856 inspections had deficiencies and the total number of deficiencies were 11847. Serious deficiencies were noted by the PSCOs led to the detention of 252 ships. The number of inspections in 2018 increased as compared to 2017 whereas, the detention percentage decreased from 4.95% recorded in 2017 to 4.42%. The Committee noted that the average number of deficiencies per inspection in 2018 (2.07) has slightly decreased compared to the previous year (2.30).

The Committee approved the Co-operation programme between IOMOU and Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) on fishing vessels, as requested by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) through a paper jointly submitted by the Food and Agriculture Organization IMO and the International Labour Organization.

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, an interactive session was held with the representatives from the Asian Classification Society, International Association of Classification Societies Ltd. and INTERTANKO.

On behalf of the member States, Ms. Beatrice Nyamoita concluded the meeting by remarking that significant progress has been made on the port State control issues during this meeting. In particular she thanked the SAMSA for the exceptional arrangements they provided for this Committee meeting. She also thanked the member States and the IOMOU Secretariat for their contribution.

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