



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL SECRETARIAT

Press Release

Indian Ocean MOU New Inspection Regime to be implemented from January, 2018

The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control held its twentieth Committee meeting in Maldives from the 20th - 24th of August, 2017. This meeting was hosted by the Maldives Transport Authority and chaired by Mr. Francois BEAUGRAND, Deputy PSC Coordinator, Directorate for Maritime Affaires, Ministere de la Transition ecologique et Solidaire, France. The meeting was officially declared open by Mr Abdul Latheef Mohammed, Minister of State for Economic Development, Maldives.

The Committee welcomed the Authorities of Seychelles and Myanmar as new members of the IOMOU.

The Committee deliberated on the New Inspection Regime (NIR) document, and approved the same to be implemented from 1st January, 2018. The Committee approved the IOMOU Android App which will be available on Google Play Store from 1st November, 2017. This App will provide the PSC data of individual vessels.

The Correspondence Group presented to the Committee the report of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Cargo Securing Arrangements which was carried out from 1st September to 30th November 2016. The Committee noted that during the course of the campaign, the Member States carried out 1443 port State control inspections on individual vessels. Of these PSC inspections, 862 inspections were carried out with a CIC questionnaire and 03 ships were detained as a direct result of the Cargo Securing Arrangements issues. The most significant deficiencies found were pertaining to cargo securing manual, condition of lashings/fittings not found satisfactory, no sufficient quantity of reserve securing devices on board and lashings/fittings were not as per the cargo securing manual. The Committee approved the outcome of the CIC analysis to be submitted to the Implementation of IMO Instruments (III), 5th session.

The Committee agreed to conduct CIC for MARPOL Annex VI in 2018.

Further, the Committee considered and adopted amendments to the memorandum for inclusion of the Control & Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, as the relevant instruments under the IOMOU.

The Committee adopted the 2016 Annual Report including the overview of the activities of the IOMOU for the period and the statistics including inspections. A total of 6010 inspections were carried out in 2016. Out of these 6010 inspections, 3393 inspections had deficiencies and the total number of deficiencies were 14830. Serious deficiencies noted by PSCOs led to the detention of 370 ships. The number of inspections in 2016 decreased as compared to 2015 by 4%, whereas, the detention percentage increased from 5.59% recorded in 2015 to 6.16%. The Committee decided to issue a corrigendum with respect to RO related responsibility, Table 4 of the Annual Report 2016. The Committee also decided to publish RO related details in the detention list available on home page of the website.

It was noted that during the year 2016, the Secretariat had not received any case of appeal for the detention review.

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 Association of Asian Classification Societies (ACS), International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (INTERTANKO) and the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

The Committee elected Ms. Beatrice Nyamoita, Assistant Director, Shipping & Maritime, State Department of Transport, Kenya as the new Chairman and Mr. Tobela Gqabu, Principal Officer, East London, South African Maritime Safety Authority, South Africa, as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the next three meetings.

The Committee meeting was attended by Member Authorities of the IOMOU, observers from Madagascar and the Paris MoU.

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 Maldives, for the exceptional arrangements they made for this Committee meeting. He also thanked the member States and the IOMOU Secretariat for their contribution.

The twenty-first meeting will be held in Fremantle, Australia in August, 2018.

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