



## INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL

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#### CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON STCW 1 September 2022 to 30 November 2022

The member Authorities of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on “**STCW**”. Inspection campaign will commence from 1 September, 2022 and will continue till 30 November 2022, and will be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU and other interested MoUs.

The purpose of the CIC on **STCW** is;

- To confirm that the number of seafarers serving on board and their certificates are in conformity with the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention and the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration;
- To confirm that all seafarers serving on board who are required to be certificated in accordance with the STCW Convention hold an appropriate certificate or a valid dispensation, or provide documentary proof that an application for an endorsement has been submitted to the Administration;
- To confirm that the seafarers on board are in possession of a valid medical certificate as required by STCW;
- To confirm that the watch schedules and hours of rest indicate compliance with the STCW requirements.

During the inspection campaign of three months' period, member Authorities of the IOMOU will carry out the subject inspection within the resources available, as many ships as possible regardless of the type in conjunction with the routine port State control inspections. A ship will be subjected to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will apply a questionnaire developed by the Paris and Tokyo MoU, listing 10 selected areas, to check the arrangements made by the shipping company for the performance of new duties by the crew members and the implementation of the relevant requirements on watchkeeping and rest on board.

The CIC on **STCW** will have a better understanding on the training and certification situation of the crew members in each party to the Convention and on-board ships of various flag States. This CIC will also, raise awareness among shipowners, operators and crew on the specific requirements in the STCW Convention and Code.

Deficiencies found during the inspection campaign will be recorded by the PSCOs and actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period of time and/or to detain the ship until the serious deficiencies have been rectified.

The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the IOMOU Committee for submission to the International Maritime Organization.

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