



Technical Circular

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To Whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) by IOMOU on Crew Familiarisation for Enclosed Space Entry beginning 1 September 2015 and end on 30 November 2015.

A concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on Crew Familiarisation for Enclosed Space Entry will be initiated by the 17 member Authorities (Australia, Eritrea, India, Sudan, South Africa, Tanzania, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Iran, Kenya, Maldives, Oman, Yemen, France, Bangladesh, Comoros and Mozambique) of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) will be held for a period of three months which will start on 1 September 2015 and end on 30 November 2015.

The purpose of the CIC is to obtain a detailed insight of the relevant compliance with enclosed space entry, using, during routine Port State Control (PSC) inspection, a questionnaire listing amongst others, selected areas to be covered under the inspection, including but not limited to training of crew members responsible for testing the atmosphere in enclosed spaces and familiarisation with the relevant equipment and identify and understand the hazards associated with the entry into enclosed space.

Deficiencies found during the inspection will be recorded by the PSC officers and actions may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period, to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified.

It is the understanding that the CIC will be also conducted at the same time with the Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU and other MoUs.

Accordingly all owners and managers of the Shipping Companies are advised that the ship's Master and Chief Engineers are advised to ensure that the

- a. necessary training of crew members responsible for testing the atmosphere in enclosed spaces and their familiarisation with the relevant equipment is carried out;
- b. Crew Members should be made aware so that they can identify and understand the hazards associated with the entry into enclosed space;
- c. The equipment should be kept calibrated with valid calibration status and should be checked for its calibration as required by manufacturer's instructions prior to use;



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- d. Necessary calibrating gas required for calibration check should be available on board;
- e. Records of above and that procedure required to be followed as per the SMS to be retained and maintained; and
- f. Ships SMS documentation should detail all the above requirements.

Enclosure:

- 1) Press Release by Indian Ocean MoU.

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INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry 01 September to 30 November 2015

The member Authorities of the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) will embark on a concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry. The three month campaign will start on September 1, 2015 and end on November 30, 2015. The campaign shall be conducted simultaneously with the Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU and other MoUs.

The purpose of this CIC is to get a detailed insight of the compliance with the relevant Conventions/ Regulations as applicable. During the campaign period, member Authorities of the IOMOU will inspect within the resources available, as many ships as possible in conjunction with routine port State control inspections.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will apply a questionnaire listing nine selected areas to be covered during the concentrated inspection. The areas includes training of crew members responsible for testing the atmosphere in enclosed spaces and familiarization with the relevant equipments and identify and understand the hazards associated with the entry into enclosed space.

Deficiencies found during the inspection will be recorded by the PSCOs and actions may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period to detaining the ship until 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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