



Antigua and Barbuda

Maritime Administration

Information Notice
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SUBJECT: Concentrated Inspection Campaigns (CICs)

REFERENCE:

- a) [Paris MOU \(Europe and Canada\)](#)
- b) [Tokyo MOU \(Pacific Ocean\)](#)
- c) [USCG \(United States of America\)](#)
- d) [Caribbean MOU](#)
- e) [Mediterranean MOU](#)
- f) [Vina del Mar \(South and Central America\)](#)
- g) [Indian Ocean MOU](#)
- h) [Abuja MOU \(West and Central Atlantic Africa\)](#)
- i) [Black Sea MOU](#)
- j) [Riyadh MOU \(Persian Gulf\)](#)

TO: Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organizations.

1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Notice provides some advice on the schedule of upcoming CICs and the subject areas that Port State Control Officers are likely to pursue, both as a direct result of the CIC and looking at related areas. It will be updated as more information is received.

2. SUBJECT

1. Vessels and their equipment should always be maintained in such a way as to ensure smooth Port State Control inspections. Various Port States target vessels in different ways, however, many provide guidance on when inspections can be expected, to allow companies and seafarers to easily assess the likelihood of a regular Port State Control inspection, which in turn helps with planning activities during port stays.
2. CICs focus on specific areas where a higher risk of non-compliance could exist. This could be evidenced by the number of deficiencies encountered, accidents or where new convention requirements have recently entered into force. CICs take place yearly over a period of 3 months (September - November) and are combined with a regular inspection.
3. Information on these CICs is given on the websites of the various regional Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs), as well as by individual Port States or our [Recognized Organizations](#). It is helpful to the smooth running of the inspections if the required detailed information is readily available, and seafarers are refreshed as to the requirements.

4. Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Stability in General

1. The Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Stability in General that had been announced jointly by several MoUs (Paris MoU, Tokyo MoU, Black Sea MoU, Indian MoU, Mediterranean, Riyadh, and Vina del Mar MoUs) for 2020 had to be postponed due to COVID-19. This is now commencing from 1 September to 30 November 2021.
2. The CIC will focus on:
 1. Stability documentation (Stability Booklet/Loading manuals etc.)
 2. Loading calculations (Loading computer and software/ Loading documents)
 3. Responsible officers' familiarization with the above
 4. Ship Organization to respond to emergencies which require stability calculations (grounding/flooding/cargo list etc.)
3. The questionnaire that is expected to be published at the beginning of August 2021 to be used by the PSCO will mainly relate to operational issues and the familiarization of these by the Master and Officers. During the inspection, PSCOs might ask to show and explain the stability calculation for the current voyage and if approved conditions of stability are available.
4. All stability-related deficiencies mostly affect the Safety Management System (SMS) and can trigger an International Safety Management (ISM) related deficiency, especially if they are numerous or reoccurring.
5. The following recommendations are made:
 1. Check if all required stability systems are installed, available and approved, where required.
 2. Check if stability calculations for the current voyage are carried out and documented as required.
 3. Evaluate the effectiveness of familiarization of the Master and officers in charge.
 4. Familiarize the crew with the PSC CIC checklist when it becomes published.

5. Caribbean MoU CIC on Ballast Water Management

1. The Caribbean MoU will conduct a CIC on Ballast Water Management from 1 September to 30 November 2021. Further details will be published later in the year.

6. Future CICs

1. Future joint CICs will focus on STCW in 2022, Fire Safety in 2023 and Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreement under MLC in 2024. The Paris MoU proposes to carry out a CIC on Ballast Water Management (BWM) in 2025.

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