



Antigua and Barbuda

Maritime Administration

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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 Fire Safety

1. The CIC on Fire Safety will be carried out jointly by several MoUs (Paris, Tokyo, Caribbean, Black Sea, Indian, Mediterranean, Riyadh, and Vina del Mar).
2. The CIC will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2023, and ending 30 November 2023.
3. The CIC inspections will be applicable for all ships and will be covered by an additional questionnaire and conducted in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection.
4. While the Paris and Tokyo MOUs' official CIC questionnaire is likely to be published in early August, a questionnaire published via the Panama Ship Registry's [Marine Notice MMN-01/2023](#) may be used in the preparations
5. The CIC will focus on:
 1. Crew certification and competencies including endorsements as required.
 2. Compliance with the requirements of the SOLAS Convention Chapter II-2 and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems as applicable.
 3. Ready availability and maintenance of firefighting equipment.
 4. Familiarization of the Master, officers and crew with the equipment when performing duties and during emergency scenarios.
 5. efficient communication between crew members and assessing awareness of fire safety related issues.
6. The following recommendations are made:
 1. Check if all crew members' certificates of competence are at hand and valid.
 2. Check if the Muster List is up-to-date and crew are familiar with their duties.
 3. Evaluate the effectiveness of familiarization for the Master and officers.
 4. Ships and their equipment should always be maintained in such a way as to ensure safe operations and PSC inspections.
 5. Familiarize the crew with their duties and the above-mentioned questionnaire.

5. Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Pilot Ladder Arrangements

1. The CIC on Pilot Ladder arrangements will be carried out by Caribbean MoU.
2. The CIC will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2023, and ending 30 November 2023.

3. The CIC inspections will be applicable for all ships and will be covered by an additional questionnaire and conducted in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection.
4. While the Caribbean MOUs' official CIC questionnaire is likely to be published in early August, a questionnaire published via the Bahamas Maritime Authority's' [Technical Alert 21-09](#) may be used in the preparations.
5. This CIC will focus on:
 1. Pilot ladder construction to include manufacturers certification and tags.
 2. Familiarization of the personnel engaged in rigging of the pilot ladder.
 3. Knowledge of all associated equipment and access to the ships deck
6. The following recommendations are made:
 1. Check if all crew members' certificates of competence are at hand and valid.
 2. Check that manufacturer details are at hand and available.
 3. Evaluate the effectiveness of familiarization of personnel.
 4. Familiarize the crew with their duties and the above-mentioned questionnaire.

6. Future CICs

1. CIC on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreement under MLC in 2024.
2. CIC on Ballast Water Management (BWM) in 2025.

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