

# The 28<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (CMOU) Annual Committee Meeting Hosted in Antigua

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ST. JOHN'S June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – The 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Caribbean Port State Control Committee (CPSCC) was held over the period 29 to 30 June 2023 at the St. James Club and Villas, Mamora Bay. The meeting was hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) on behalf of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.



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The Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (CMOU) was signed in 1996 in Christchurch, Barbados with a mandate to eliminate the operation of sub-standard ships in the Caribbean region through a harmonized system of port State control.

This year's meeting focused on proposing amendments to the applicability of the Code of Safety for Caribbean Cargo Ships (CCSS Code). This annual meeting was delivered in a hybrid format with delegates from eighteen of the twenty

member States, the Associate Member State of the British Virgin Islands, and the Observer State of Montserrat participating. The Regional Coordinator Caribbean of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as well as representatives from the United States Coast Guard and the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (PMOU) were also in attendance. The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (IOMOU), the Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control, and the Viña del Mar Agreement were able to participate virtually.

The Mediterranean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (MED MOU) and the Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control were accepted as Observers to the CMOU at this year's committee meeting.



*CPSCC 28 in Session*

The meeting's opening ceremony was held at the Copper and Lumber Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, with welcome and official remarks from Ambassador Dwight C. R. Gardiner, Director/Registrar General of ADOMS,

and Mr. Michel Amafo Chairman of the CMOU.



*Amb. Dwight Gardiner with Mr. Michel Amafo*