



Caribbean MOU CIC for 2023 will be on Fire Safety Systems and Pilot Ladder Transfer Systems

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Launch of Concentrated Inspection Campaign on FSS and Pilot Ladder Transfer Systems beginning 1st September 2023 by Caribbean MOU on Port State Control

Member Administrations of the Caribbean MOU on Port State Control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Fire Safety Systems which will be in line with those carried out by other MOUs globally. In addition, due to the increase in accidents and incidents involving Pilot Ladder Transfer Systems, the CMOU will also carry out a CIC on Pilot Ladder Transfer Systems concurrently.

The campaign on FSS aims to determine if ships meet the mandatory requirements for fire safety prescribed in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code). In addition, the campaign on Pilot Ladder Transfer Systems is to provide a detailed insight of the compliance with the status of SOLAS requirements for Pilot Access Arrangements.

The CIC will assist in raising the awareness of shipowners, operators and crew on the specific requirements in the SOLAS Convention.

This campaign will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2023 and ending 30 November 2023. The CIC inspections will be applicable for all ships, inclusive of those

vessels under 500 GT that are still covered by the SOLAS Convention and the relevant Caribbean Codes and conducted in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection.

A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign. Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of predefined questions during the CIC. If deficiencies are found, actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period of time to detaining the ship until the detainable deficiencies have been rectified.

The results of the campaign will be analysed and findings will be presented to the governing body of the CMOU for submission to the relevant IMO sub-committees.

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