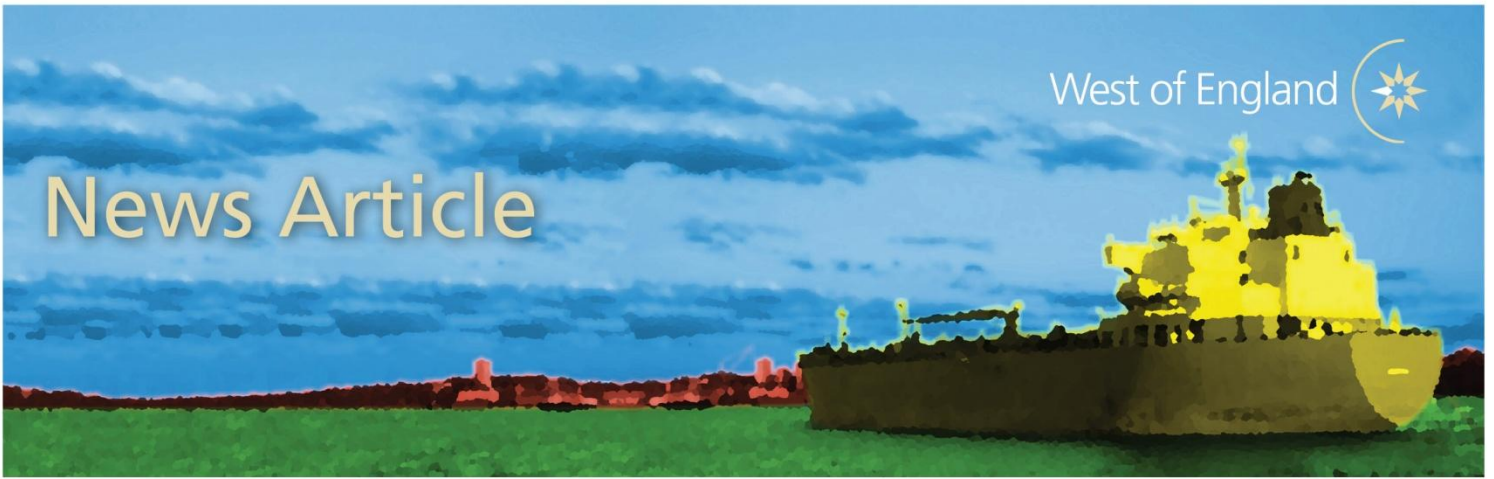


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Port State Control – Tokyo and Indian Ocean MOUs - Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Harmful Substances in Packaged Form

The [Tokyo](#) and [Indian Ocean](#) MOUs on port state control have announced that they will be conducting a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) from 1 September 2010 until 30 November 2010 focusing on harmful substances carried in packaged form.

During the CIC period, to ensure compliance with the requirements of SOLAS, MARPOL and the IMDG Code, vessels in Tokyo and Indian Ocean MOU ports carrying harmful substances (marine pollutants) in packaged form will be subject to additional checks as follows:

Documentation

- Does the vessel have a valid Document of Compliance for the carriage of Dangerous Goods in accordance with the requirements of SOLAS II-2/19?
- Have transport documents been provided for each substance being carried and the product identified by its correct technical name and by the addition of the words "Marine Pollutant" in line with the requirements of MARPOL III/4(1)?

- Has a signed packing certificate or declaration been provided for each harmful substance being carried in line with the requirements of MARPOL III/4(2)?
- Does the vessel have emergency procedures in place for dealing with an incident involving harmful substances, and are the crew aware of these procedures?
- Does the vessel have a list or plan detailing the harmful substances onboard and their location in accordance with the requirements of MARPOL III/4(3)?
- Is the information contained on the list or stowage plan of harmful substances in line with the requirements of the IMDG Code section 5.4.3?

Cargo Marking, Stowage and Securing

- Are the harmful substances stowed in accordance with the details on the stowage list or plan?
- Are the harmful substances stowed in line with the



requirements of section 7.1 of the IMDG Code?

- Is the stowage of harmful substances in accordance with the requirements of the Document of Compliance for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and the Cargo Securing Manual?
- Are containers loaded with harmful substances appropriately labelled to show that they contain marine pollutants?

If deficiencies are found, the action taken will depend on the severity of the findings. Serious deficiencies may result in the vessel being detained.

Members should ensure that their vessels are suitably prepared.