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Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Fire Safety Systems beginning 1 October 2014 by Riyadh MoU on Port State Control

The 6 Maritime Authorities of the Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding (RMOU) on Port State Control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) with the purpose of ensuring compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems on board ships. This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from October 1st, 2014 and ending on December 31st, 2014.

The CIC is designed to ensure that:

- There is compliance with the requirements of the SOLAS Convention Chapter II-2 and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems as applicable;
- The firefighting equipment is readily available and maintained at all times;
- The master, officers and crew are familiar with the equipment and have received training in carrying out their duties and
- To raise awareness of fire safety related issues.

In practice, the CIC will mean that during a regular port State control inspection conducted within the RMOU region, the fire safety plan, fire control measures, drills, crew awareness and other applicable documentation will be verified in more detail for compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems.

For this purpose, PSCOs will apply a questionnaire listing a number of items to be covered during the Concentrated Inspection Campaign. The questionnaire has been annexed to this press release. When 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 to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified.

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In the case of detention, publication in the monthly detention lists of the RMoU web site will take place. It is expected that the RMoU will carry out approximately 300 inspections during the CIC.

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

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