



Merchant Shipping Directorate



CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON STABILITY

Merchant Shipping Notice 173

*Notice to Owners, Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to a Joint Port State Control (PSC), Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) recently launched by the Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU on Stability (in general).

The overall purpose of the campaign is to ensure that crew onboard commercial vessels are aware of the importance of stability analysis onboard; to confirm assessment of actual stability condition before departure and on all stages of the voyage and to verify that vessels comply with intact stability requirements (and damage stability requirements, if applicable) in accordance with the relevant IMO instruments.

It is also of paramount importance to draw the attention of all concerned, particularly that of commercial yachts operators that such yachts will also be included in the CIC during a PSC Inspection. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all concerned to ensure that the Master and crew are well familiarized with their stability booklet and with the Joint CIC questionnaire in preparation of any PSC Inspection during the stipulated dates. A copy of the questionnaire may be downloaded through this link: [Questionnaire for the Stability](#).

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a pre-defined questionnaire, to assess that the documentation provided onboard complies with the relevant Convention and requirements, whilst ascertaining that the master and officers are familiar with the stability booklet and available stability data.

Furthermore, should deficiencies be identified by a PSCO, actions may vary from recording a deficiency, which will need to be rectified within a certain period, to the detention of the vessel until the serious deficiency(ies) has/have been rectified.

To this effect, should a vessel within a company's fleet be detained in any PSC region, it is imperative that the Flag Administration is duly informed. A copy of the PSC report shall be forwarded to the Administration. In the case that the vessel is not detained, the Administration shall also be informed of such an inspection, especially should serious and/or numerous deficiencies have been identified.

In view of this the attention and cooperation of all concerned is hereby solicited.

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