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Demonstrated compliance in CIC on Safety of Navigation

Port State Control Officers in the Paris MoU region and the Tokyo MoU performed a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Safety of Navigation, including ECDIS, 2017 in the period from 1 September to 30 November 2017. The aim of the CIC was to verify that the minimum standards for navigation equipment, including familiarity with the equipment.

“It is encouraging to see that the overall result of this campaign on safety of navigation is positive. However, continued monitoring of ECDIS compliance will be necessary”, Secretary General Richard Schiferli is quoted.

A total of 4027 questionnaires for the CIC have been completed during regular inspections. The campaign resulted in 47 detentions (1.2%) directly linked to the related safety of navigation requirements.

Positive results were recorded on the familiarity with the procedure of emergency operation of steering gear (99.4%), the transmitting of the correct particulars of AIS (99.3%) and the recognition of stages of remote audible alarm of BNWAS (98.6%).

Least compliant were recordings on appropriate up to date electronic charts and back up arrangements (96.2%) and complete passage plan for the voyage berth to berth(96.3%).

Majority of the 4027 inspections performed during the CIC were on general cargo/multi-purpose ships, 1155 (29%) inspections and bulk carriers with 883 (22%) inspections.

Ships flying the flags of Panama (13%), Malta (9%) and Marshall Islands (9%) were inspected most frequently.

The results of the campaign will be further analysed and findings will be presented to the Port State Control Committee. The final CIC report will be published on the Paris MoU website (<http://www.parismou.org/>)

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Notes to editors:

Regional Port State Control was initiated in 1982 when fourteen European countries agreed to coordinate their port State inspection effort under a voluntary agreement known as the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Paris MOU). Currently 27 countries are member of the Paris MOU. The European Commission, although not a signatory to the Paris MOU, is also a member of the Committee.

The Paris MoU is supported by a central database THETIS hosted and operated by the European Maritime Safety Agency in Lisbon. Inspection results are available for search and daily updating by MoU Members. Inspection results can be consulted on the Paris MoU public website and are published on the Equasis website.

The Secretariat of the MoU is provided by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement and located in The Hague.

Port State Control is a check on visiting foreign ships to verify their compliance with international rules on safety, pollution prevention and seafarers living and working conditions. It is a means of enforcing compliance in cases where the owner and flag State have failed in their responsibility to implement or ensure compliance. The port State can require defects to be put right, and detain the ship for this purpose if necessary. It is therefore also a port State's defence against visiting substandard shipping.