



Viña del Mar Agreement Secretariat

## PRESS RELEASE

### LAUNCH OF JOINT CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON AUXILIARY MACHINERY



The Maritime Authorities of the Region, Members of the Latin American Agreement on Port State Control of Vessels will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) with the purpose of ensuring compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-1. The scope of the CIC is the safety of auxiliary machinery, especially the working condition and maintenance of the auxiliary engines, auxiliary equipment and their related alarm systems. Special attention will be given to familiarity of the crew with safety and emergency procedures with regard to these systems.

This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing on 1 June 2018 and ending on 31 August 2018. It will be implemented in a different period from those scheduled by other memoranda for 2018, as it is not related with Annex VI of MARPOL.

The auxiliary machinery installations will be verified in more detail for compliance with the mentioned scope of the CIC during a regular Port State Control inspection conducted under the regional ship selection criteria.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 12 selected items to verify critical areas for the auxiliary machinery installations, some of which are related to documentation, auxiliary engines and equipment, crew familiarization and operational controls. For this purpose, PSCOs will use 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.

The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the Members on the next Committee Meeting for approval and later submission to the IMO and the other MOUs.

