

Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Fire Safety

The Member Authorities of the Tokyo and the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Fire Safety.

The purpose of the campaign is:

- to create awareness among the ship’s crew and owners about the importance of fire safety measures; and
- to verify that the ship complies with fire safety requirements under the relevant IMO instruments.

This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing on 1 September 2023 and ending on 30 November 2023. The campaign will examine specific areas related to fire safety in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection.

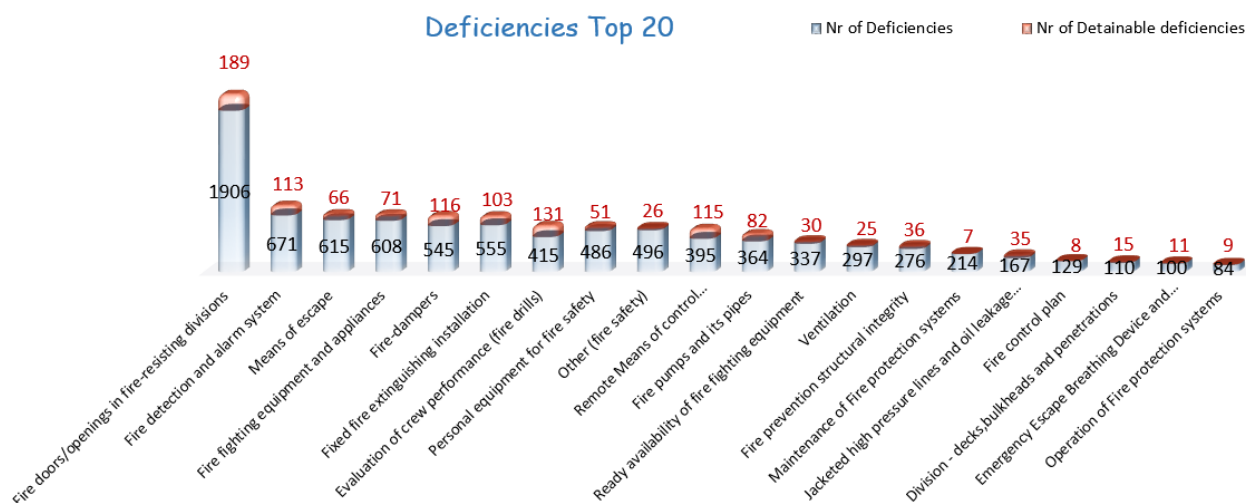
A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a pre-defined questionnaire, containing 10 questions, to assess that fire-fighting systems and equipment comply with the relevant requirements, that the master and crew members are familiar with operations relating to fire safety, and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

If 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 of time to detaining the ship until the serious deficiencies have been rectified. In the case of detention, publication in the monthly detention lists of the Tokyo and Paris MoU websites will take place.

The results of the campaign will be analysed and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of both MoUs for possible submission to the IMO.

The top 20 deficiencies taken from the Paris MOU in Fire Safety for January 2022 to July 2023 are as follows:



A copy of the pre-defined questionnaire is shown below:

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| CIC on FIRE SAFETY | | | |
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| Inspection Authority | | | |
| Ship Name | | IMO Number | |
| Date of Inspection | | Inspection Port | |

QUESTIONS 1 TO 10 ANSWERED WITH A "NO" MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RELEVANT DEFICIENCY ON THE REPORT OF INSPECTION.

| No. | Item | Yes | No | N/A | Detention |
|-----|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1* | Are the emergency escape routes maintained in a safe condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2* | Are the fire doors maintained in good working condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3* | Has the fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems, been periodically tested in accordance with the requirements of the Administration? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4* | Are ventilation closing appliances capable of being closed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5* | Are the means of control for power ventilation of machinery spaces operable from two grouped positions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6* | Can each fire pump deliver at least the two required jets of water? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7* | Are the means of control provided in a position outside the machinery space for stopping ventilation and oil transfer equipment operational? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8* | Is the room for the fixed gas fire extinguishing medium used only for this purpose? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9* | Are the valves used in the fire main line operational? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10* | Where a fire drill was witnessed, was it found to be satisfactory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Note: If "No" is ticked for questions marked with an asterisk "*", the ship may be considered for detention.

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