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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON STABILITY IN GENERAL

The Maritime Authorities of the Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for West and Central African region (Abuja MoU) will commence a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Stability (in general) from 1 September 2021 to 30 November 2021. The CIC is part of Port State Control Inspection and is carried out by Port State Control Officers following the same principle with the view to ensuring that substandard vessels are not allowed to trade within our region.

The purpose of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign on ship's stability in general is:

- to confirm that the ship's crew are familiar with assessing the actual stability condition of a vessel on completion of cargo operations before departure of the ship and on all stages of the voyage;
- to create awareness among the ship's crew and owners about the importance of calculating the actual stability condition of the ship on completion of cargo operations and before departure of the ship;
- to verify that the ship complies with intact stability requirements (and damage stability requirements, if applicable) under the relevant IMO instruments.

This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2021 and ending 30 November 2021. The campaign will examine specific areas related to the campaign 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 to assess that information and equipment provided onboard complies with the relevant conventions, that the master and officers are familiar with operations relating to stability (in general) and that all mandatory and related equipment are 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. All inspections carried out will be subject to ongoing health and safety requirements in individual port States.

The result of the campaign will be analysed and findings will be presented to the Abuja MoU Port State Control Committee for submission to the IMO.



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The Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for West and Central African region (Abuja MoU) was signed by Maritime Authorities in the region on 22 October 1999. Currently, the Memorandum has 18 full members, namely, Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Togo. Inspection results can be consulted on the Abuja MoU public website and are published on the Equasis public website.

The Secretariat of the MoU is provided by the Nigerian Ministry of Transportation and located in Lagos, Nigeria. The fully automated and comprehensive central data base known as Abuja MoU Information System (AMIS) captures, stores and generates inspection data.

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