



INDIAN OCEAN MOU ON PORT STATE CONTROL SECRETARIAT

Press Release

IOMOU agrees to conduct CIC for Emergency Systems in 2019

The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on port State control held its twenty-first Committee meeting in Fremantle, Australia from the 6th - 10th of August, 2018. This meeting was hosted by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and chaired by Ms. Beatrice Nyamoita, Senior Assistant Director, Shipping & Maritime, State Department of Transport, Kenya.

The meeting was officially declared opened by Mr. Stuart Richey AM, Chair of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) Board. The Authority of Madagascar the 20th Member of the IOMOU, was welcomed by the Committee. The Authority of State of Qatar, was also welcomed by the Committee as Observer.

The Authority of State of Qatar received approval from the Committee as the 21st Member of the IOMOU.

The Committee deliberated on the New Inspection Regime (NIR) implemented from 1st January, 2018, and took note of the satisfactorily implementation of the NIR.

The Correspondence Group presented to the Committee the report of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Safety of Navigation which was carried out from 1st September to 30th November 2017. The Committee noted that during the course of the campaign, the Member States carried out 1290 port State control inspections on individual vessels. Of these PSC inspections, 1076 inspections were carried out with a CIC questionnaire and 6 ships were detained as a direct result of the Safety of Navigation issues. The Committee approved the outcome of the CIC analysis to be submitted to the Implementation of IMO Instruments (III), 6th session.

The Committee agreed to conduct CIC for Emergency Systems in 2019.

The Committee adopted the 2017 Annual Report including the overview of the activities of the IOMOU for the period and the statistics including inspections. A total of 5674 inspections were carried out in 2017. Out of these 5674 inspections, 3017 inspections had deficiencies and the total number of deficiencies were 13099. Serious deficiencies noted by PSCOs led to the detention of 281 ships. The number of inspections in 2017 decreased as compared to 2016 by 5%, whereas, the detention percentage decreased from 6.16% recorded in 2016 to 4.95%.

In order to promote better understanding of the activities of the organization and to monitor the developments and changes in the industry which could impact the quality of shipping, an interactive session was held with the representatives from the American Bureau of Shipping and Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors.

The Committee decided to celebrate the 20th anniversary of IOMOU during the twenty - second Committee meeting, to be held in South Africa.

On behalf of the member States, Ms. Beatrice Nyamoita concluded the meeting by remarking that significant progress has been made on port State control issues during this meeting. In particular she thanked the Australian Maritime Safety Authority for the exceptional arrangements they made for this Committee meeting. She also thanked the member States and the IOMOU Secretariat for their contribution.

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