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To: Ship owners/ Ship-operators & Ship-managers / Masters/ CSOs / Recognized Organizations/ Recognized Security Organizations/ Deputy Registrars/ P&I Clubs accepted by Togo Administration.

Scope: This Merchant Marine Circular aims to highlight to the International Registry of Togo stakeholders that the maritime authorities of the Paris and Tokyo MOUs on Port State Control (PSC) have announced that they will be running their Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) from 01 September 2021 to 30 November 2021. Furthermore, the Black Sea, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Riyadh, Caribbean and Vina del Mar MoUs have declared that they will be joining the scheme.

References:

Paris MoU press release: Launch of joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW)

Analysis:

1. 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 Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW). This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2021 and ending 30 November 2021. Moreover, with the joint press release dated 1 August 2022, the Paris and Tokyo MOUs published the respective questionnaire for this year's CIC (see attached press release).
2. The purpose of the campaign on STCW aims to confirm that:
 - The number of seafarers serving on board and their certificates are in conformity with the relevant provisions of STCW Convention and Code and the applicable safe manning requirements as determined by the Flag State Administration.



- All seafarers serving on board, who are required to be certificated in accordance with STCW Convention, hold an appropriate certificate or a valid dispensation, or provide documentary proof that an application for an endorsement has been submitted to the Flag State Administration.
- The seafarers on board hold a valid medical certificate as required by STCW Convention.
- The watch-keeping schedules and hours of rest indicate compliance with the requirements of STCW Convention and Code; The CIC will assist in raising the awareness of shipowners, operators, and crew on the specific requirements in the STCW Convention and Code

3. Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use the above indicated pre-defined questionnaire during the CIC. The CIC will assist in raising the awareness of shipowners, operators, and crew on the specific requirements in the STCW Convention and Code. The checklist contains ten aspects to confirm that the ship's crew is certified as per the STCW requirements and by the Minimum Safe Manning certificate of the vessel. For the necessary safe operation of the ship, the Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) are expected to focus on newly joined crew members in view of their familiarization with regular and emergency duties. Bridge procedures, such as voyage planning, rest hours, and the watchkeeping schedule, will also be subject to detailed investigation.

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

5. The CIC will be included in the routine PSC inspections in the period from September to November 2022 according to IMO Res. A.1155(32) "Procedures for Port State Control, 2021", with very detailed instructions provided in Appendix 11 "Guidelines for Port State Control Officers on certification of seafarers, manning and hours of rest".

6. If deficiencies are found by the attending Port State Control Officer (PSCO), actions 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 detainable deficiencies have been rectified. m



7. The Black Sea, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Riyadh, Caribbean and Vina del Mar MoUs will join this initiative, whereby the Caribbean MoU, US Coast Guard and EMSA have their own CIC or local inspection campaigns. The results of the campaign will be analysed, and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of MoUs for submission to the IMO.

8. The International Ship Registry and the Direction of Maritime Affairs of Togo recommend both to companies, masters and seafarers to focus on the CIC campaign purpose analyzed in para 2&3 and be guided taking under consideration the attached press release with the questionnaire and the attached IMO Resolution A. 1155(32) (Annex 11) in order to avoid delays, detentions and consequently the measures provided for in our 0042C/TG/05/20-13/5/2020 circular concerning the performance of Togo flag vessels in PSC/MOUs.

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1. Paris -Tokyo MoU press release: Launch of joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on STCW including the Questionnaire for the CIC on STCW .
2. Resolution A. 1155(32) Adopted on 15 December 2021 PROCEDURES FOR PORT STATE CONTROL, 2021