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**SUBJECT: Paris and Tokyo MoUs Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Fire Safety**

**Dear Shipowner/Operator/Master/Recognized Organizations:**

Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU have announced a joint three-month Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC), commencing 1 September and running through to 30 November 2023. 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 fire safety, both from a technical and operational aspect.

Ships and their equipment should always be maintained in such a way as to ensure safe operations. This advisory serves as a timely reminder for companies and seafarers to focus on specific areas where a higher risk of accidents and/or non-compliance with international safety regulations could exist.

It is widely known that oil accumulation in the engine room stands out as the most common deficiency related to fire safety. These mostly included oil-soaked insulation, fuel leaks and excessive oil in the bilge. As far as equipment is concerned, we found water-mist nozzles and fire detectors covered with plastic and tape. With regard to ISM-related deficiencies, reporting of non-conformities, and shipboard operations stand at the top of the list.

The Administration strongly encourages ship operators to use this Advisory as a reminder of the importance of ensuring readiness of the shore organization, crew, and equipment in case of fire related emergencies. To ensure that the integrity of fire safety measures onboard ships is maintained in accordance with applicable rules and regulations and systems and equipment are always readily available for operation.

We have attached a questionnaire to assist with preparation of the vessel to successfully complete the inspection during the Concentrated Campaign.

Please contact the Fleet Prevention Department at [prevention@liscr.com](mailto:prevention@liscr.com) or telephone +1 703 790 3434 for more information and/or additional guidance or if any of the responses is "No".

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**Concentrated Inspection Campaign**

**Questionnaire for the 2023 CIC on Fire Safety**

<b>Vessel Name:</b>	
<b>IMO Number:</b>	
<b>Port:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

<b>Number</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1	Are the emergency escape routes maintained in a safe condition, clear of any obstruction, well-lit and unlocked?		
2	Are the fire doors maintained in good working condition, not lashed and can be closed completely?		
3	Are the fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems working properly and have been periodically tested in accordance with the requirements of the Administration?		
4	Are ventilation closing appliances capable of being closed completely and sealed? No light should be visible when they are shut.		
5	Are the means of control for power ventilation of machinery spaces operable from two independent positions?		
6	Can each Fire pump and Emergency fire pump deliver at least two jets of water at extreme end of the vessel?		
7	Are the means of control provided in a position outside the machinery space for stopping ventilation and oil transfer equipment operational?		
8	Is the room for the fixed gas fire extinguishing medium used only for this purpose?		
9	Are the Isolation, Expansion and Fire hydrant valves used in the fire main line operational and the line is free from temporary repairs?		
10	Was a fire drill witnessed and found to be satisfactory?		
11	Are the Quick Closing valves fully operational? Are they free of blockage?		
12	Is the Water Mist System in the Engine Room fully operational and is set on auto mode? Are there any detectors covered or obstructed?		
13	Is the water sprinkler system working satisfactorily? Is the system free of any leakage or clogged nozzle?		
14	Are Engine Spaces completely free of flammable liquids leaks?		
15	Do all maintenance logs have been properly completed?		
16	Has the maintenance of the equipment been completed in accordance with the Preventive Maintenance Plan?		