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#### **Re: Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Shipboard Working and Living Conditions**

On 19 October 2004 the Paris MOU Secretariat announced the start of a concentrated inspection campaign focussing on shipboard working and living conditions. The inspection campaign started on 1 October and will last 3 months, ending on 31 December 2004. The campaign will be conducted by Port State Control Officers (PSCO) in the 20 Maritime Authorities (EU Members plus Canada, Croatia, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation) of the Paris MOU on Port State Control.

Master's should be advised to expect that during every port State control inspection within the Paris MOU region, their ship's working and living conditions will be verified in detail for compliance with the international standards of ILO Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 147) and the Protocol 1996 to ILO147 and ILO Convention Concerning Seafarers' Hours of Work and the Manning of Ships (No. 180). PSCO will focus on the accommodation (including hospital), the galley and food and water supplies and storage, as well as hours of work/rest and working schedules. Liberia is party to ILO Convention No.147, but is not a party to ILO Convention No.180. Liberia has implemented the standards for watchstander hours of work/rest and watch schedules under the STCW Convention. Liberia's Marine Notice MAN-003 contains applicable guidance. Attached is an example list of items that ship owners, operators and their Master's should verify are in order in compliance with the relevant ILO Conventions and Liberian regulations. The list is not exhaustive and is only intended as a guide.

PSCO will conduct a more in-depth investigation into working and living conditions on board, if deficiencies are found. Deficiencies will result in port State sanctions that vary from instructing the Master to rectify within 14 days to the detention of the ship until all deficiencies have been rectified. In case of detention, the ship could face the risk of follow-up inspections in other Paris MOU ports.

The Paris MOU authorities expect their next concentrated inspection campaign will focus on the implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System. No date for this CIC has been announced.

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**General List of Areas Covering Working and Living Conditions under Liberian Regulations and the International Standards of ILO Convention Concerning Minimum Standards in Merchant Shipping, 1976 (No. 147) and the Protocol 1996 to ILO 147**

**Note: The following list is intended to serve as a guide and is not all inclusive of all standards.**

**Accident prevention and occupational health**

- Rails, guards, protective clothing and equipment, warning signs posted in crew work areas

**Crew accommodations/spaces**

- Rooms outfitted
- Individual berths
- Habitable conditions
- Adequate lighting and ventilation
- Free of ship's stores, equipment and cargo

**Hospital space**

- Designated
- Not used for stowage or berthing
- Properly operating toilet
- Medicine chest fully stocked

**Galley**

- Sanitary conditions (cleanliness/grease traps/range hoods)
- Hot and cold-running water
- Adequately equipped to prepare food
- Mess hall provided for crew

**Refrigerator and stores spaces**

- Storage free of insects

**Sanitation**

- Drinking water (adequate supply and arrangements)
- Toilets working
- Showers operate
- Wash basins
- Lighted / heated / ventilated

**General safety**

- Safe access to all spaces
- Emergency escape marking's
- Spaces adequately lighted
- No electrical hazards
- Warning notices posted as necessary

**Crew documents**

- Licenses, Certificates and Documents current
- Medical certificates valid
- Minimum age 15

**Watchstander work and rest**

- Watchkeeping schedule posted
- Work hours and rest periods observed and recorded

