

RIYADH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON PORT STATE CONTROL



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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION – SOLAS Ch. V COMPLIANCE STARTS 1 OCTOBER 2010

The 6 Maritime Authorities of the Riyadh-Memorandum of Understanding (RMoU) on Port State Control will start a concentrated inspection campaign focusing on compliance with SOLAS Chapter V – Safety of Navigation. The inspection campaign will last 3 months, ending on 31 December 2010.

In practice the concentrated inspection campaign will mean that during every port State control inspection within the Riyadh MOU region, the navigation related equipment and documentation shall be verified in more detail for compliance with SOLAS Chapter V. Port State Control Officers will verify that there is compliance with the carriage requirements for all size of ships and where required also valid statutory certification together with relevant record of equipment, as well as that equipment has type approval and is functioning effectively. Furthermore familiarity of the master and watch-keeping officers are with the bridge equipment will be evaluated.

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This campaign will be carried out on ships in GCC Ports

During the campaign Port State Control Officers (PSCO) shall use a list of 12 selected items to verify critical areas for the safety of navigation, some of which are related to:

- Documentation
- Equipment
- Familiarization

When deficiencies are found, sanctions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify within a certain period to detention of the ship until all deficiencies have been rectified.

In case of detention, the ship could face the risk of further inspections in other R-MoU ports. The R-MoU maintain lists of all detained ships on its web site (<http://www.riyadhmou.org>)

It is expected that the Riyadh-MoU will carry out approximately 1000 inspections during the CIC.

All inspections results will be feed in the RIYADHSIS database of the Riyadh MoU and will be recorded on an evaluation form. The results of the campaign shall be analysed later next year. Detailed results of the campaign will be discussed during the 8th meeting of the Riyadh MOU Port State Control Committee.

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