

Circular 108 / 2015

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Paris and Tokyo Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign

Date: 29 July 2015

Summary

The Maritime Authorities of the Tokyo and the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry. The aim of the CIC is to ensure effective procedures and measures are in place to safeguard seafarers on board ships when entering and working in enclosed spaces and to check compliance with the applicable requirements of the SOLAS Convention.

This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from 1 September 2015 and ending 30 November 2015.

The ship's procedures and measures that are in place with respect to enclosed spaces will be checked in detail for compliance with the requirements of SOLAS during a regular Port State Control inspection, conducted under the new inspection regime (NIR) within the Tokyo and Paris MoU regions.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 10 selected questions to establish that crew members with enclosed space duties are familiar with relevant equipment and have received training to carry out their duties and identify and understand the hazards associated with entry into enclosed spaces. Additionally there are questions aimed at gathering information about the existence of measures in place to test the atmosphere of an enclosed space to confirm it is safe to enter and remains safe whilst persons are within the space.

If deficiencies are found, actions by the port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period of time to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified. In the case of detention, publication in the monthly detention lists of the Tokyo and Paris MoU web sites will take place.

It is expected that the Tokyo and Paris MoUs will carry out approximately 10,000 inspections during the CIC.

The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of the MoUs for submission to the IMO.

Below is an enclosed spaces questionnaire prepared by Paris and Tokyo; note the items that a vessel could be detained for in the event a deficiency is found.

For further enquiries, please contact the Technical Department at df@maritimecookislands.com.

CIC on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry

*This CIC applies to **all** ships*

Inspection Authority:			
Ship Name:		IMO Number:	
Date of Inspection		Inspection Port:	

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
Q.1 Note 1	Are there measures in place to test the atmosphere of an enclosed space to confirm it is safe to enter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.2 Note 1	Are crew members responsible for testing the atmosphere in enclosed spaces trained in the use of the equipment referred to in Question 1?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
Q.3 *	Are the crew members familiar with the arrangements of the ship, as well as the location and operation of any on-board safety systems or appliances that they may be called upon to use for enclosed space entry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.4 *	Are crew members responsible for enclosed space emergency duties, familiar with those duties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.5 *	Is the training manual available on board and its contents complete and customized to the ship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.6 *	Is there evidence on board that enclosed space entry and rescue drills are conducted in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.7 *	Have the ship's crew participated in an enclosed space entry and rescue drill on board the ship at least once every two months in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19.3.3?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.8 *	Are crew members responsible for enclosed space entry aware of the associated risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.9 *	During the CIC, the PSCO is to observe an enclosed space entry and rescue drill. Did the drill comply with the requirements of SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19.3.6?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q.10	Is the ship detained as a result of a "NO" answer to any of the questions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note 1 For PMoU, questions 1 & 2 are for information purposes only.

Note 2 Each question should be answered and only one box ticked for that question.

Note 3 Questions with an asterisk indicate Code 30 may be issued.

The CIC on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry was conducted during the period September – November 2015.