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PRESS RELEASE

TOKYO MOU WILL START FROM 1st SEPTEMBER A NEW CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON THE ISM CODE

Tokyo MOU will soon start a new concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on the ISM Code. The campaign will run from 1 September to 30 November 2007 for three months. This is the third time for taking up the ISM Code as the subject of the CIC since 1998. While the previous CICs were to verify whether safety management system was established on board ships, this campaign is aimed to check whether the safety management system is effectively implemented and maintained on board.

During the campaign period, member Authorities of the Tokyo MOU will inspect, within the resources available, as many ships as possible. The CIC inspections will be conducted in conjunction with routine port State control inspections. A standard questionnaire on areas/items to be inspected has been developed. The questions are divided into two parts. The first part is to examine the ships' ISM certificate and documentation while the second part is to verify whether seafarers on board understand and have the ability to implement effectively various safety management procedures.

Similar to previous ISM CICs, this campaign will be carried out in co-operation with the Paris MOU on Port State Control. Meanwhile, some other MOUs have also decided to take part in the CIC.

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