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## Circular Letter 003/2019

Date: 14.08.2019

Attn.: VRS Authorized Surveyors, Shipowners, Ship operator, Managing Companies

Subject: Launch of Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Emergency Systems and Procedures

by Maritime Authorities of Paris MoU, Black Sea MoU and Tokyo MoU.

The Member Authorities of the Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and Black Sea Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Emergency Systems and Procedures.

The purpose of the CIC on Emergency Systems and Procedures is to ensure that:

- ships are capable of responding appropriately and promptly to emergency situations in order to preserve human lives, protect the marine environment and minimize damages to ships;
- necessary measures are taken by responsible stakeholders, such as shipping companies and ship managers having a direct influence on the safety of ships and by raising their awareness of the importance of ship emergency systems;
- emergency systems installed on board can be properly operated and effectively managed in any emergency situations; and
- master and crew of the ship understand their assigned roles and duties in case of emergency and enhance their familiarity with the situations so that they can act immediately when circumstances arise.

This inspection campaign will be held for three months, commencing from **1 September 2019** and ending **30 November 2019**. A ship will be subject to one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 11 questions to assess that equipment provided onboard complies with the relevant convention, the master and officers are qualified and familiar with preparations relating to shipboard emergency systems and that equipment is properly maintained and functioning.

## Kindly find attached:

- 1. Press Release of Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU, as well Black Sea MoU.
- 2. Questionnaire for the Inspection Campaign on Emergency Systems and Procedures.

Kindly be guided accordingly.
Yours faithfully.

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	C	C on Emergency Sys	tems and Procedures			
Insp	ection Authority					
Ship Name			IMO Number			
Date of Inspection			Inspection Port			
QU			MUST BE ACCOMPANIED PORT OF INSPECTION.	BY A	RELEV	ANT
No. Question			Yes	No	N/A	
Documentation						
1	Is the damage control plan readily available on board?					
Operating of Emergency system						
<b>2</b> *	Is the public address system capable of broadcasting emergency announcements?					
<b>3</b> *	For ships with water level detectors installed, is the system and alarm arrangements operational?					
<b>4</b> *	Is the steering gear system and its related emergency alarms operational?					
5	Does the muster list specify details in accordance with the requirements of SOLAS 1996-1998 Amendment, Chapter III, Regulation 37?					
<b>6</b> *	Does the emergency source of electrical power supply its power correctly to essential equipment for safety in an emergency?					
7a*	Where the emergency source of electrical power is a generator, is it in correct operational condition?					
7b*	Where the emergency source of electrical power is an accumulator battery, are the batteries and its switchboard in good condition?					
<b>8</b> *	Is the emergency fire pump in full operational condition?					
Crew familiarization with emergency systems						
9*	Where a fire drill and/or abandon ship drill was witnessed, was it found to be satisfactory?					
10 <sup>*</sup>	For the above checked emergency equipment, are the relevant crews familiar with the operation?					
11	Has the ship been detained, as a result of the Inspection Campaign?					

## <u>NOTE</u>

- If "NO" is selected, for question marked an "\*", the ship may be considered for detention.
   Where there is no box in the N/A column, then either box "Yes" or "No" should be selected as appropriate.