



SUBJECT: Port State Control Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) 2023 on fire safety

Technical Notice

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This year, the Paris and Tokyo MoUs agreed to run a CIC on the topic of **fire safety**, since high levels of deficiencies were found in recent years in this specific area. The majority of PSC MoUs have confirmed their participation in this year's CIC.

The CIC will be carried out between **1 September and 30 November** and will be covered by an additional questionnaire during routine port state inspections. The additional questionnaire, highlighting the fire safety, is usually published in early August.

Traditionally, deficiencies in the fire safety section are among the most common of all detainable deficiencies, such as:

- Fire dampers
- Fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions
- Fire detection systems
- Fixed fire-extinguishing installations
- Means of control (opening, pumps) in machinery spaces

The PSCOs will expand their focus on the evaluation of **competences of crew** when performing fire drills or related emergency scenarios.

As said the CIC questionnaire will be released in early August 2023. However, in accordance with released information, there will be a **10-question checklist** covering the functionality of fire safety systems and related drills as follows:

1. **Are the emergency escape routes maintained in a safe condition?**
2. **Are the fire doors maintained in good working condition?**
3. **Has the fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems, been periodically tested in accordance with the requirements of the Administration?**
4. **Are ventilation closing appliances capable of being closed?**
5. **Are the means of control for power ventilation of machinery spaces operable from two grouped positions?**
6. **Can each fire pump deliver at least the two required jets of water?**
7. **Are the means of control provided in a position outside the machinery space for stopping ventilation and oil transfer equipment operational?**

8. Is the room for the fixed gas fire extinguishing medium used only for this purpose?
9. Are the valves used in the fire main line operational?
10. Where a fire drill was witnessed, was it found to be satisfactory?

On the occasion of the new CIC, the **following actions** are recommended:

- Managers and crew onboard should be **prepared** to address the PSC CIC bearing in mind the above specific points
- Fire **training manuals** on board to be reviewed to be ship specific.
- Company's **superintendents** are advised to focus on onboard training during visits.
- Additional **fire emergency scenarios** to be conducted.

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