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### **Panama Maritime Authority: Paris MoU Fire Door Inspection Campaign**



The Panama Maritime Authority's General Directorate of Merchant Marine (DCCM) has issued a **Marine Notice (MMN-07/2024)** to inform operators about the new Paris MoU Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) on fire doors.

The notice targets ship owners, operators, Recognized Organizations, flag inspectors, and masters of Panamanian-flagged vessels trading within the Paris MoU area.

The primary objective of this FIC, scheduled from **July 1st to September 30th, 2024**, is to ensure the proper **maintenance** and **functionality** of **fire doors** aboard ships. Fire doors play a critical role in preventing the spread of fire and smoke on vessels, thereby enhancing overall safety at sea. The campaign emphasizes several key inspection points:

1. **Verification of Control Panel Indicators:** Ensuring that indicators on fire door control panels are operational and accurately display the status of fire doors.
2. **Testing of Fire Doors:** Conducting tests on a sample of fire doors to confirm both local and remote operation capabilities, ensuring they function as intended in emergency situations.
3. **Proper Closure and Latching:** Checking that fire doors close and latch correctly to maintain their integrity during fire incidents.
4. **Prevention of Improper Lashing:** Ensuring that self-closing fire doors are not improperly secured or lashed in the open position, which could compromise their effectiveness.
5. **Gas tightness and Fire Resistance:** Verifying that fire doors installed in boundary bulkheads of machinery spaces (Category A) are gastight and self-closing. Additionally, ensuring that fire doors have the appropriate fire resistance classification (Class A or B) suitable for the bulkhead in which they are installed.

The Panama Maritime Authority stresses the importance of compliance with these inspection criteria during **routine surveys** conducted by Flag State Inspectors and **Recognized Organizations**. They encourage ship owners, operators, and masters to thoroughly review the details provided in the Marine Notice to ensure readiness and adherence to safety standards.

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# Merchant Marine **Notice**

Panama Maritime Authority  
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## PARIS MOU - FOCUSED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (FIC) DURING ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF FIRE DOORS

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1. The purpose of this Marine Notice is to provide information to ship owners, operators, Recognized Organizations, flag inspectors and masters about the new Paris MoU Focused Inspection Campaign.
2. The ship's crews of panamanian flag vessel trading within the Paris MoU area shall be aware of this FIC, and shall ensure that special attention is paid to the proper maintenance of fire doors. This FIC had been held from July 1st until September 30st of 2024.
3. The following points are part of the scope of this FIC:
  - Verifying that fire door control panel indicators, if provided, are functional;
  - Testing a sample of fire doors for local and remotely controlled operation;
  - Checking if self-closing fire doors are improperly lashed in the open position;
  - Checking that doors close and latch properly;
  - Checking that doors fitted in boundary bulkheads of machinery spaces of Category A are reasonably gastight and self-closing;
  - Checking that fire doors have the appropriate fire resistance for the bulkhead in which they are fitted – Class A or B.
4. Our Flag State Inspectors and recognized organizations shall pay attention to this topic during the surveys carried out
5. Our Administration encourages ship owners, operators and masters to review the information provided on this Marine Notice.

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