

PSC Related Circular

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Subject:

**Tokyo and Paris MoU Joint CIC
for 2025 on Ballast Water
Management**

The member Authorities of the Tokyo and the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on Ballast Water Management from **September 1 to November 30**.

In order to determine if ships meet the requirements of the Convention, the following areas will be verified during inspections:

- Proper certification for BWM Convention;
- Approval and update of the Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP);
- Crew familiarisation in the implementation of the BWMP;
- Ballast Water Management System approval and its operation;
- Records of Ballast Water Record Book (BWRB);
- Ballast water sediment management; and
- Valid exemptions, if any.

Port State Control Officers will use a pre-defined questionnaire to assess that the BWM requirements in the respective areas are met. The questions asked will be:

1. Is a valid International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC) on board?
2. Is the approved Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP) on board?
3. Is the BWMP up to date to reflect the applicable requirements to manage Ballast Water as required by the Convention?
4. Are officers and crew familiar with their duties in the implementation of the BWMP?
5. Is the Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) approved by the Administration/Organization, as appropriate?
6. Is the BWMS operational?
7. Was the Ballast Water managed according to the BWMP?
8. Is the Ballast Water Record Book (BWRB) properly filled including exemptions if granted?
9. Is the crew managing Ballast Water sediments in accordance with the BWMP?
10. If an exemption has been granted, are the conditions of exemption implemented?

Negative answers to **questions 1 to 6, 9 and 10 may be considered grounds for detention**, whereas questions 7 and 8 shall only lead to a non-detainable deficiency.

The joint press release and **questionnaire** may be found [here](#).

[Attachment](#)
[Joint CIC for 2025 on Ballast Water Management- questionnaire](#)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON PORT STATE CONTROL
IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION



CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN
ON BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT
01/09/2025 to 30/11/2025

CIC on Ballast Water Management

Inspection Authority			
Ship Name		IMO Number	
Date of Inspection		Inspection Port	

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A	Detention
1*	Is a valid International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC) on board?				
2*	Is the approved Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP) on board?				
3*	Is the BWMP up to date to reflect the applicable requirements to manage Ballast Water as required by the Convention?				
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9*	Is the crew managing Ballast Water sediments in accordance with the BWMP?				
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If "No" is ticked for questions marked with an asterisk "*", the ship may be considered for detention