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PRESS RELEASE

CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON BULK CARRIERS

In order to promote the safety of bulk carriers in the Asia-Pacific region, the Committee of the Tokyo MOU agreed during it's 12th meeting to conduct a concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on structural safety of bulk carriers. The members of the Tokyo MOU have now prepared for and are ready to undertake this campaign from 1 September to 30 November 2003. The campaign will target bulk carriers, as defined in SOLAS74 IX/1.6, which are above 15,000 GT and more than 12 years old, particularly those carrying high density or corrosive cargoes and trading on the "spot market".

During the campaign period, member Authorities of the Tokyo MOU will inspect, within the resources available, as many bulk carriers as possible. The CIC inspections will be conducted in conjunction with routine port State control inspections. A standard checklist on areas/items to be inspected has been developed, which is attached hereto for reference.

To promote awareness and facilitate the campaign it is advised that during CIC inspections, access to the fore peak, upper wing ballast tanks and cargo hold spaces may be requested by port State control officers and necessary preparation and co-operation from ships concerned are expected. A bulk carrier in the target group will normally only be subjected to one CIC inspection in the region during the period of the campaign.

Upon completion of the campaign, summarized results of the CIC will be issued in the form of a press release in due course.

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Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Structural Safety of Bulk Carriers (>15,000 GT and > 12 years) Tokyo MOU, 1 September – 30 November 2003

Reporting Authority:	Place of inspection:	Date of Inspection:
Name of ship:	IMO number:	Flag of ship:
Year of build:	Gross Tonnage:	Deadweight:
Recognized Organization (which ha	Cargo:	

There are limitations on the number of spaces that can be inspected safely and the detail to which some areas within spaces can be examined. As with all port State control inspections only a sample of areas of the ship can be covered. This questionnaire is solely for the purpose of collecting information on the Tokyo MOU's Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Structural Safety of Bulk Carriers. It cannot be construed as a seaworthiness certificate. An answer 'yes' to an items 1-9 does not confirm compliance with the requirements of the relevant international convention.

			Yes 1)	No 1)	N/A 2
1.	Ship/Shore Safety Checklist completed	a. by ship	O	O	O
	(IMO Res A.862(20))	b. by terminal	О	O	О
2.	. Calculated bending and shear stresses within max limits		O	O	
3.	Any cargo/ballast operations in accordance with approved manuals		O	O	O
4.	Enhanced survey records complete (IMO Res A.744(18)		O	O	
5.	Hatches checked can be secured weathertight		O	O	
6.	Hatch corners/coamings checked are free of cracks		O	O	
7.	Hold frames/plating checked are free of serious grab and bulldozer damage		O	O	
8.	Ballast tank structure checked is in satisfactory condition		O	O	
9.	Cargo hold structure checked is in satisfactory condition		O	O	
10.). Ship detained		O	O	

Number of holds inspected?	Number of tanks inspected?
Remarks:	

¹⁾ Both "Yes" and "No" check-boxes should be left empty if the item(s) covered by the question were not inspected.

²⁾ **Not applicable** (for example in Q1 could mean vessel not yet alongside. If ship or terminal refuses to use the check list then "No" should be ticked. In Q3 could mean no operations are being carried out at the time of inspection).