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To: DEPUTY REGISTRARS, SHIP OWNERS/ISM OPERATORS/RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS/SHIPPING AGENTS/GENERAL SAFETY INSPECTORS

Reference: Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) from 01 September to 30 November 2022.

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REFERENCE

Member Authorities of the Tokyo, Paris, Black Sea, and Indian Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on STCW. Attached are the press releases and CIC questionnaires on STCW.

PURPOSE

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) with the aim to avoid detentions during the Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) by Tokyo, Paris, Black Sea, and Indian MoUs requires all addressed parties to ensure that ship's procedures and measures in place are in conformity with the relevant provisions of STCW Convention and Code.

CONTENT

The Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) will be held by Tokyo, Paris, Black Sea, and Indian MoUs for three (3) months, commencing on 01 of September 2022 and ending on 30 of November 2022, in conjunction with the regular PSC inspection.

The campaign on STCW aims to confirm that:

- The number of seafarers serving on board and their certificates are in conformity with the



relevant provisions of STCW Convention and Code and the applicable safe manning requirements as determined by Belize Flag State Administration.

- All seafarers serving on board, who are required to be certificated in accordance with STCW Convention, hold an appropriate certificate or a valid dispensation, or provide documentary proof that an application for an endorsement has been submitted to the Belize Flag State Administration.
- The seafarers on board hold a valid medical certificate as required by STCW Convention.
- The watch-keeping schedules and hours of rest indicate compliance with the requirements of STCW Convention and Code.

The Port State Control Officers (PSCO) will maintain their focus on crew certification and competencies and will be using a questionnaire consisting of ten (10) selected questions developed by the Tokyo and Paris MoUs in raising the awareness of shipowners, operators, and crew on the specific requirements in the STCW Convention and Code.

When deficiencies are found, actions by the Port State may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period of time, to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified. In the case of detention, publication in the monthly detention lists of the Tokyo, Paris, Black Sea, and Indian MoU web sites will take place.

Actions Required from Owners/ISM Operators/Flag Inspectors/Recognized Organizations during the Concentrated Inspection Campaign for Vessels trading in Tokyo and Paris MoUs.

- 1.** All Vessels currently trading within the Tokyo, Paris, Black Sea, and Indian MoUs – the ISM operators need to contact the Master in order to complete the attached questionnaire to be used by PSCOs. The complete questionnaire needs to be submitted by the Owners/ISM operators to our Flag Administration not later than **31st August 2022**. Owners/Operators will submit the attached questionnaire duly signed/stamp by the Master to IMMARBE Technical Department (technicalservices@immarbe.com).
- 2.** Annual Flag Inspections to be carried by General Safety Inspectors from **1 August 2022**. The CIC questionnaire will be carried out in conjunction with the Master to ensure that ship condition and crew onboard comply with the questions to be asked by PSCOs. General Safety Inspector must ensure that Flag Administration is inform immediately of any deficiency found in relation to the CIC questionnaire.
- 3.** Recognized Organizations that will carry out any statutory surveys from **1st August 2022**, the CIC questionnaire will be carried out in conjunction with the applicable



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surveys on all Belize Vessels. Recognized Organizations must ensure that Flag Administration is informed immediately of any deficiency found in relation to the CIC questionnaire. Recognized Organization will submit upon completion of the statutory survey the CIC questionnaire duly signed/stamp by Master to IMMARBE Technical Department (technicalservices@immarbe.com).

The above actions will remain in force during the three months of the inspection Campaign on (CIC) on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW).

Look forward for your cooperation and assistance.

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