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## Shipping Information Notice – 098

### JOINT CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE SAFETY

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To: Ship owners, Operators, Managers, DPA's

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This year, the Paris and Tokyo MoUs agreed to run a CIC on the topic of fire safety. 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 2023 and will be covered by an additional questionnaire during routine port state inspections. A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is:

- to create awareness among the ship's crew and owners about the importance of fire safety measures; and
- to verify that the ship complies with fire safety requirements under the relevant IMO instruments.

The CIC questionnaire, highlighting the fire safety focus areas is appended to this notice.

Traditionally, deficiencies in the fire safety section are among the most common of all detainable deficiencies which is not limited to the list below: -

Fire dampers

Fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions

Fire detection systems

Fixed fire-extinguishing installations

Means of control (opening, pumps) in machinery spaces

Evaluation of crew performance (fire drills) – **See below guidance regarding actions that should be considered:** -

**The following actions should be checked during the drill:**

- .1 fire alarm activated, fire doors closed and (If Applicable) passengers informed;
- .2 passengers evacuated from the affected area by the assigned crew members (If Applicable);
- .3 ventilation stopped and dampers closed;

- .4 manning of control stations;
- .5 fire pump(s) started;
- .6 shore-based organisation informed by a designated person;
- .7 firefighting team at entrance to scene of fire ready to assist the rescue team;
- .8 rescue team at scene performing the search operation;
- .9 casualties evacuated and taken over by the medical team;
- .10 fire extinguished;
- .11 fire leader reports to bridge;
- .12 boundary cooling;
- .13 electrical isolations;
- .14 low level lighting.

The Crew should be able to demonstrate they meet the objective of having command, control and communication throughout the drill.

### **Recommendations**

Owners/managers should make sure their crews are informed about the planned CIC and which items are expected to be important. Special attention should be paid to these items during maintenance, to ensure a proper condition of the vessel.

As deficiencies in fire safety can often be traced to shortcomings in the implementation of the Safety Management System (SMS), the efficient use of the SMS should be emphasized.

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For and on behalf of the Maritime Administrator

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**QUESTIONNAIRE  
CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE SAFETY**

Ship's name	
IMO No.	
Date of Inspection	

**QUESTIONS 1 TO 10 ANSWERED WITH A "NO" MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RELEVANT DEFICIENCY ON THE REPORT OF INSPECTION.**

No.	Questions	Yes	No	N/A	Detention
1*	Are the emergency escape routes maintained in a safe condition? (07120/04103)				
2*	Are the fire doors maintained in good working condition? (07105)				
3*	Has the fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems, been periodically tested in accordance with the requirements of the Administration? (07106)				
4*	Are ventilation closing appliances capable of being closed? (07116)				
5*	Are the means of control for power ventilation of machinery spaces operable from two grouped positions? (07116)				
6*	Can each fire pump deliver at least the two required jets of water? (07113)				
7*	Are the means of control provided in a position outside the machinery space for stopping ventilation and oil transfer equipment operational? (07114)				
8*	Is the room for the fixed gas fire extinguishing medium used only for this purpose? (07109)				
9*	Are the valves used in the fire main line operational? (07110)				
10*	Where a fire drill was witnessed, was it found to be satisfactory? (04109/07125)				

**If "No" is ticked for questions marked with an asterisk "\*", the ship may be considered for detention**