



Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Cargo Securing Arrangements

The purpose of this notice is to advise shipowners, operators, managers and Masters of Isle of Man registered ships of information in respect of the forthcoming Port State Control activities

The Isle of Man Ship Registry wishes gives advance notice of a CIC on Cargo Securing Arrangements which is due to commence on the 1st September 2016 and will run until the 30th November 2016.

The CIC will be carried out by the Tokyo MoU Region, in conjunction with other co-operating MoUs, namely the Indian Ocean and the Black Sea MoU Regions

The main purpose of the CIC is to gain knowledge on the compliance of ships with applicable cargo securing requirements and improve the overall safety of ships and seafarers when carrying out cargo securing operations.

Thus the objectives are to:

- measure compliance with the requirements of the applicable international conventions
- ensure that ship's Masters, officers and crew are familiar with procedures for cargo securing arrangements, and
- raise awareness of the hazards associated with cargo securing, and the safe practices necessary for cargo securing

The campaign is designed to examine specific areas of shipboard operations and is not intended to detract from the normal coverage of Port State Control Inspections. The CIC will be undertaken on every ship eligible for inspection during the period of the campaign.

In carrying out the inspection Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will be using a list of selected questions to ensure compliance:

- Is an approved cargo securing manual on board?
- Does the cargo securing manual meet the guidelines outlined in MSC.1/Circ. 1353/Rev.1?
- If the answer to question above question is "No", does the cargo securing manual meet a standard at least equivalent to the above guidelines? If the answer to above question is "Yes", question 2B should be checked "N/A"

- Are the Master and Person in Charge of cargo operations familiar with the cargo securing manual?
- Are the lashings/fittings as per the cargo securing manual?
- Is the condition of the lashings/fittings considered satisfactory for their intended use?
- Are appropriate securing points or fittings being used for cargo securing?
- Is there a sufficient quantity of reserve cargo securing devices on board?
- Is the vessel following the Cargo Safe Access Plan (CSAP)?

Masters and ship's crew are encouraged to review cargo securing procedures and arrangements as outlined in their ship's Cargo Securing Manual and ensure they are securing cargo in accordance with the manual and following all applicable safety procedures.

Vessel owners and operators are encouraged to review the ship's cargo securing manual to ensure it is up-to-date with ship operations and that it has been approved and updated as necessary by their Administration or the Recognized Organization authorized to act on behalf of the Administration.

Reference:

MSC.1/Circ 1353 - Revised Guidelines for Preparation of Cargo Securing Manual

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