



INFORMATION LETTER 004-2005

to

all Owners, Managing Owners, Filing Agents and Crewing Companies operating ships and crew under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda

Subject:	Concentrated Inspection Campaign by Tokyo MOU
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The Tokyo MOU Secretariat has launched a press release on 22 August 2005, informing that Tokyo MOU will carry out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) during the period of 1 September until 30 November 2005. Therefore, all concerned parties are requested to become aware of this campaign and be prepared for this CIC.

Please find below the press release of Tokyo MOU.

Quote

PRESS RELEASE

CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

For the purpose of promotion of effective operation of ship board equipment and compliance of safety and pollution prevention procedures, Tokyo MOU will carry out a concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on operational requirements during period of 1 September – 30 November 2005. The campaign will target aspects of operational control provisions of SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions on all vessels, regardless of type.

During the campaign period, member Authorities of the Tokyo MOU will inspect, within the resources available, as many ships 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 and the guidelines for assisting PSC officers to verify operational requirements aspects have been developed. The results of the CIC will be collected in the APCIS database for further evaluation and assessment.

Among other things, the major areas covered by the CIC include maintenance and operation procedures of fire protection systems and life-saving appliances, crew familiarity of drills and emergency duties, maintenance and operation arrangements of GMDSS, safety of navigation arrangements and procedures and pollution prevention procedures.

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