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CONCERNING RESULTS FOUND ON THE PARIS MOU FOCUSED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE DOORS

During its 57th Committee meeting in Madrid last May, the Paris MoU discussed the results of the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Fire Safety, which was held from 1 September to 30 November 2023. These results were shared with the industry. Overall, compliance appeared to be satisfactory, however the result was less favourable on two specific topics; good working condition of fire doors (9.3% non-compliance) and fire drills (9.2% non-compliance). In the press release issued at the time, the Paris MoU indicated that it expected the industry to give these issues the necessary attention.

As part of the ongoing investigation into possible efficiency improvements regarding inspection campaigns, the member Authorities of the Paris MoU held an unannounced Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) on fire doors from 1 to 28 July 2024.

The findings of this FIC raise concerns for the Paris MoU, as 13.9% of non-compliance was recorded. Of this 13.9%, 30% was considered to be a lack of implementation of the ISM Code.

Again, the Paris MoU would like to emphasise the importance of compliance on this specific subject and would like to call on the industry to take the appropriate measures.

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Notes to editors:

Regional Port State Control was initiated in 1982 when fourteen European countries agreed to coordinate their port State inspection effort under a voluntary agreement known as the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Paris MOU). Currently 28 countries are member of the Paris MOU (the membership of the Russian Federation is currently suspended). The European Commission, although not a signatory to the Paris MOU, is also a member of the Committee.

The Paris MoU is supported by a central database THETIS hosted and operated by the European Maritime Safety Agency in Lisbon. Inspection results are available for search and daily updating by MoU Members. Inspection results can be consulted on the Paris MoU public website and are published on the Equasis website.

The Secretariat of the MoU is provided by the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and located in The Hague.

Port State Control is a check on visiting foreign ships to verify their compliance with international rules on safety, pollution prevention and seafarers living and working conditions. It is a means of enforcing compliance in cases where the owner and flag State have failed in their responsibility to implement or ensure compliance. The port State can require deficiencies to be corrected, and detain the ship for this purpose, if necessary. It is therefore also a port State's defence against visiting substandard shipping.