



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Regional Port State Control Regimes Announce 2015 Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign

The Maritime Authorities of the Paris and Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control (PSC) will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on *Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry*; other PSC regimes may participate as well. The Campaign's aim is to verify that effective procedures and measures are in place to safeguard the seafarers who are serving on board ships. The Campaign will be held for three months, **1 September 2015** through **30 November 2015**.

Owners and operators of U.S. Flag vessels should expect that during regular PSC inspections, selected items will be inspected in more detail for compliance with SOLAS. Port State Control Officers will utilize a questionnaire that covers 9 selected areas for verification. The questionnaire is enclosed.

When deficiencies are found, the Port State may record them and instruct the master to undertake corrective action within a specified period. Serious deficiencies could result in a detention. U.S. vessel detentions may result in a follow-up inspection by the Coast Guard. The results of the campaign will be analyzed and findings will be presented to the governing bodies of the MoUs for submission to the International Maritime Organization.

U.S. Flag vessel owners and operators are encouraged to take steps necessary to become familiar with the inspection criteria prior to the campaign. Verifying that vessels meet applicable requirements under SOLAS in advance of foreign voyages and port calls can go a long way toward facilitating PSC inspections.

Officers in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMIs) are requested to facilitate wide distribution of this Notice to vessel operators that will be affected. The Coast Guard stands ready to assist vessels owners and operators in this compliance effort. Please contact your local Chief of Inspections Department with questions.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to LCDR Lee Bacon, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, Commandant (CG-CVC) at 202-372-1219.

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CIC on Crew Familiarization for Enclosed Space Entry

This CIC applies to all ships

Inspection Authority:			
Ship Name:		IMO Number:	
Date of Inspection		Inspection Port:	

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
Q.1 Note 1	Are there measures in place to test the atmosphere of an enclosed space to confirm it is safe to enter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.2 Note 1	Are crew members responsible for testing the atmosphere in enclosed spaces trained in the use of the equipment referred to in Question 1?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

No.	Item	Yes	No	N/A
Q.3 *	Are the crew members familiar with the arrangements of the ship, as well as the location and operation of any on-board safety systems or appliances that they may be called upon to use for enclosed space entry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.4 *	Are crew members responsible for enclosed space emergency duties, familiar with those duties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.5	Is the training manual available on board and its contents complete and customized to the ship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.6 *	Is there evidence on board that enclosed space entry and rescue drills are conducted in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.7	Have the ship's crew participated in an enclosed space entry and rescue drill on board the ship at least once every two months in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19.3.3?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.8 *	Are crew members responsible for enclosed space entry aware of the associated risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q.9 *	During the CIC, the PSCO is to observe an enclosed space entry and rescue drill. Did the drill comply with the requirements of SOLAS Chapter III, Regulation 19.3.6?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q.10	Is the ship detained as a result of a "NO" answer to any of the questions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note 1 For PMoU, questions 1 & 2 are for information purposes only.

Note 2 For TMOU all questions apply.

Note 3 Each question should be answered and only one box ticked for that question.

Note 4 Questions with an asterisk indicate Code 30 may be issued.