



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Riyadh Port State Control Regime Announces Safety of Navigation Concentrated Inspection Campaign

The Maritime Authority of the Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control (PSC) will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign on *Safety of Navigation, SOLAS V*. Other PSC regimes may participate as well. The Campaign's aim is to verify that the Master and Watch Keeping Officers are familiar with shipboard navigation systems and equipment. The Campaign will be held for three months, **01 October 2015** through **31 December 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 12 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 MoU 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.



REPORT OF CIC ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION
1st October 2015 – 31st December 2015

Ships Name/IMO No.:

Port of Inspection:

Date of Inspection:

#	Item	YES	NO	N/A
1	Does the ship comply with the actual provisions as specified on the relevant Record of Equipment form for navigational equipment?			
2	Is navigational equipment operational?			
3	Can the master and watch keeping officers demonstrate familiarization of navigating equipment?			
4	Are arrangements in place to ensure performance of the equipment?			
5	Are there adequate and up-to-date nautical charts and publications, necessary for the voyage?			
6	Where Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) is the primary means in lieu of paper charts is there a suitable backup arrangement?			
7	Is there a record of navigational activities and incidents?			
8	Is there evidence of voyage planning?			
9	Is a valid certificate of compliance (annual testing) of the VDR/SVDR on board?			
10	Can the master and watch keeping officers demonstrate inputting voyage related information in the AIS?			
11	Is cargo on deck loaded so as not to obstruct the horizontal view of the sea surface forward of the beam?			
12	Can the master and watch keeping officers concerned with the operation of the steering gear demonstrate the changeover procedures and operation of steering systems?			
13	Is the ship detained as a result of this CIC?			