



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN IN CHINESE PORTS

### *Information Notice 23*

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,  
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to a PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) launched by the China Maritime Safety Administration between 15 June to 31 December 2017.

The campaign is aimed at bulk carriers of 10,000 GT and above engaged on international voyages of 15 years and over and bulk carriers converted from oil tankers, calling at Chinese ports. The campaign will focus on the structures of these bulk carriers and include the following in detail:

- Agreement between ship and terminal about loading & unloading plan (IMO Res A.862 (20))
- Approved loading manual
- ESP file onboard (IMO Res. A744 (18))
- Thickness measurement report
- Weather tightness of hatch covers
- Hatch corner plate and hatch coming
- Hold frames and structures in cargo holds
- Bulkhead structures in cargo holds
- Structures in ballast tanks

Appended is a list of questions that will help in the preparation for this additional inspection.

It is the responsibility of all concerned to take the necessary actions to ensure that these areas are in order prior to entry into port. It is also expected that all concerned make every effort towards attaining the ultimate objective of ensuring safety of life at sea and security, and prevention of marine pollution.

The cooperation and assistance of all parties concerned is therefore solicited.

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

### 1. Loading Manual (Booklet)

- ✓ Are loading manual and stability booklet provided onboard?
- ✓ Are loading manual or stability booklet approved by RO?

### 2. Cargo Document

- ✓ Has the Master received the cargo document from shipper?
- ✓ Does cargo document include the cargo's density?

### 3. Loading/Unloading Plan

- ✓ Does the Master have the loading/unloading plan?
- ✓ Is the loading/unloading plan signed by the Master and Port representative indicating that the latter agrees to the plan?
- ✓ Does the loading/unloading plan include essential information on loading/unloading sequence, quantity and rate, etc?

### 4. Hatch Cover Maintenance Plan

- ✓ Has a hatch cover maintenance plan been developed and provided onboard?
- ✓ Has a routine of check rules been established for hatch covers inspections?

### 5. Supporting Documents complying with requirements of SOLAS XII

- ✓ Are there supporting documents that prove that the bulk carrier is in compliance with the requirements of SOLAS XII, Reg. 4,5,6,7 ?
- ✓ Does the loading manual state any limitation conditions when loading cargo with a density of 1780kg/m<sup>3</sup> and above?

### 6. ESP

- ✓ Does the ship hold an Enhanced Survey Program?
- ✓ Are full ESP files properly kept onboard (survey report, condition evaluation report, thickness measurement report)?
- ✓ Was enhanced survey carried out in accordance with enhanced survey program?

### 7. Loading Instrument

- ✓ Is a loading instrument, provided with approval documents, installed on board?
- ✓ Is the loading instrument in working condition?
- ✓ Are the Chief Mate or other relevant crew familiar with the operation of the loading instrument?



**8. Water Level Detection and Alarm System in Cargo Hold, Forward Dry Spaces and Ballast Tanks**

- ✓ Is the Water Ingress Alarm in proper working condition?
- ✓ Is the alarm system installed in wheel house?
- ✓ Are key seafarers familiar with operation of the water level detection and alarm system?

**9. Draining Arrangements for Forward Dry Spaces & Ballast Tanks**

- ✓ Is a de-ballasting pump system installed and in proper working condition for the Forward spaces?
- ✓ Are key seafarers familiar with the operation of the de-watering arrangement?

**10. Triangle Marking**

- ✓ Is the triangle marking proper for a ship with a limitation condition when loading cargo density of 1780kg/m<sup>3</sup> and above?
- ✓ Is the triangle marking in compliance with requirements?

**11. Condition of Deck Structure iwo Cargo Hold**

- ✓ Is deck structure in good condition?
- ✓ Is joint between longitudinal deck and transverse deck in good condition?
- ✓ Are structures such as hatch coaming, plating, hatch corner plating and stiffeners in good condition?

**12. Hatch Covers**

- ✓ Are hatch cover top plates, includes side plates and stiffeners in good condition?
- ✓ Are hatch cover cleats in good condition?
- ✓ Are hatch sealing devices (rest pads, rubber packing, washer flange, compression bar, gutterway and non-return valve) in good condition?

**13. Structures in Cargo Hold and Ballast Tanks**

- ✓ Are side shell plates in good condition?
- ✓ Are spot checks of the internal structures carried out when necessary?