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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 10-23

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

**Subject: 2023 TOKYO AND PARIS MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING JOINT
CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE SAFETY**

Date: 8 August 2023 (renewed for 2025)

The Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Paris MoU will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on the fire safety requirements contained in Chapters II-1, II-2 and III of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). The campaign will take place from 1 September 2023 to 30 November 2023.

The Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU have published a [press release](#) that provides the questions and guidance related to the CIC. The CIC questions cover:

- Emergency escape routes, including fire doors;
- Fire detection systems;
- Ventilation closures;
- Means of control of ventilation and oil transfer systems;
- Capacity of fire pumps;
- Fixed firefighting systems; and
- Condition of the fire main and valves.

Ships may also be subject to a fire drill should the Port State Control (PSC) Officer consider it desirable or warranted.

The CIC inspections will be conducted in conjunction with regular PSC inspections. A vessel will be subject to only one CIC inspection during the period of the campaign. All Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged vessels calling at ports of Member States of the Tokyo MoU or the Paris MoU must be prepared for the CIC inspections to prevent deficiencies or detentions.

Masters of RMI-flagged vessels should prepare by ensuring the physical state of the arrangements and equipment on board are compliant, and that relevant crew members are familiar with their duties including the operation of relevant fire safety systems.

A lack of familiarity with fire safety systems, or associated shipboard procedures, may result in a detention even if the arrangements and equipment on board are compliant.

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