



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Port State Control – Special Inspection Campaign in China

The purpose of this notice is to advise shipowners, operators, managers and Masters of Isle of Man registered ships of information in respect of the forthcoming Port State Control activities

The Isle of Man Ship Registry wishes to provide notice that the China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) has announced that they will be carrying out a special inspection campaign for bulk carriers of 10,000 GT or more from the 15th June 2017 to 31st December 2017.

Due to the recent casualties and structural deficiencies experienced by older bulk carriers, the MSA will target bulk carriers that are over 15 years of age as priority targets for inspection.

In addition all ships that were converted from oil tankers to bulk carriers / ore carriers will be inspected at the first port of call in China in conjunction with port state control (PSC) inspections, as per the Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Classification Surveyors may be invited to join the inspections.

The inspections will focus on the ship's structure and ballast tanks. Please note MSA PSC officers may require the ballast tanks to be opened for internal examination.

The special inspection will include the following:

1. Loading/discharge plans agreed by the ship and terminal (IMO Res. A.862(20))
2. Approved cargo/ballast operations manual
3. ESP documentation for bulk carriers (IMO Res. A.744(18))
4. Thickness measurement reports
5. The weather tightness of hatch covers
6. Hatch corners and hatch coamings
7. Frames/plating in cargo spaces
8. Bulkhead structures in cargo spaces
9. The ballast tank structure

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