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CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) 2026 – THE TOKYO AND PARIS MoUs ON CARGO SECURING OF CARGO UNITS AND CARGO TRANSPORT UNITS

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1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Notice is to communicate to all Shipowners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panama Flag Vessels, and Panama Merchant Marine Recognized Organizations (ROs) that the Member Authorities of the Tokyo and Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on Port State Control will undertake a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Cargo Securing of Cargo Units and Cargo Transport Units.
2. This Concentrated Inspection Campaign will be conducted for a period of three months, commencing on September 1, 2026, and ending on November 30, 2026. The campaign will be carried out in conjunction with routine Port State Control inspections and will focus on compliance with the applicable requirements concerning the loading, stowage, and securing of cargo units and cargo transport units.
3. During the campaign period, a ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period, per MoU.
4. The purpose of the CIC on Cargo Securing of Cargo Units and Cargo Transport Units is to collect data on compliance with the current requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS), particularly those relating to the safe loading, stowage, and securing of cargo units and cargo transport units.
5. Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will apply a pre-defined questionnaire developed by the Tokyo and Paris MoUs during the CIC. The questionnaire will address specific aspects of cargo securing arrangements and compliance with the applicable SOLAS requirements.



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6. Each question in the CIC questionnaire will be assessed by the PSCO as applicable. Where deficiencies are identified, these deficiencies will be recorded in the Port State Control inspection report and appropriate action may be taken by the Port State.
7. For further reference, Shipowners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panama Flag Vessels, and Recognized Organizations are encouraged to consult the following official sources:

Tokyo MoU: www.tokyo-mou.org

Paris MoU: www.parismou.org

International Maritime Organization (IMO): www.imo.org

8. This Administration encourages all Shipowners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panama Flag Vessels, Masters, crew members, and Panama Merchant Marine Recognized Organizations (ROs) to review the applicable requirements concerning cargo securing and to ensure that ships are adequately prepared for the Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Cargo Securing of Cargo Units and Cargo Transport Units.
9. This Administration encourages all Shipowners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panama Flag Vessels, and Panama Merchant Marine Recognized Organizations (ROs) to review the standards of compliance with the SOLAS Convention.
10. For additional information, please refer to the following document: [Guidelines for Minimum Compliance – Panama Maritime Authority](#)

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