



Caribbean MOU CIC for 2025 will be on Stability and MARPOL Annex IV

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The Member Authorities of the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control will launch a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Stability as well as MARPOL Annex IV.

The purpose of the campaign on stability is to:

- confirm that the ship staff are assessing the actual stability condition on completion of cargo operations before departure of the ship and on all stages of the voyage;
- create awareness among ship staff and ship owners about the importance of calculating the actual stability condition of the ship on completion of cargo operations and before departure of the ship;
- verify that the ship complies with intact stability requirements (and damage stability requirements, if applicable) under the relevant IMO instruments.

Due to the sensitive sea area, the CMOU as a region has taken the decision to focus on maritime pollution matters and in continuation of this theme from 2024, will also include a targeted inspection campaign on MARPOL Annex IV – Sewage and will seek to:

- Confirm the proper operation of sewage management arrangements on board.
- Confirm that the necessary documentation and certification for sewage management is available.

- Confirm that relevant shipboard personnel are aware and competent in sewage handling procedures.
- Confirm that shipboard sewage arrangements are functioning in accordance with the documentation and certification provided.

This campaign will be held for three months, commencing from September 1, 2025, and ending on November 30, 2025 and a ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a pre-defined questionnaire to assess that the vessels are compliant with the relevant requirements of SOLAS with respect to stability and MARPOL Annex IV. If non-Conformities are identified, they will be treated in accordance with the Conventions.

The results of the campaign will be analysed, and findings will be presented to the Caribbean Port State Control Committee for onward submission to the IMO.

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