



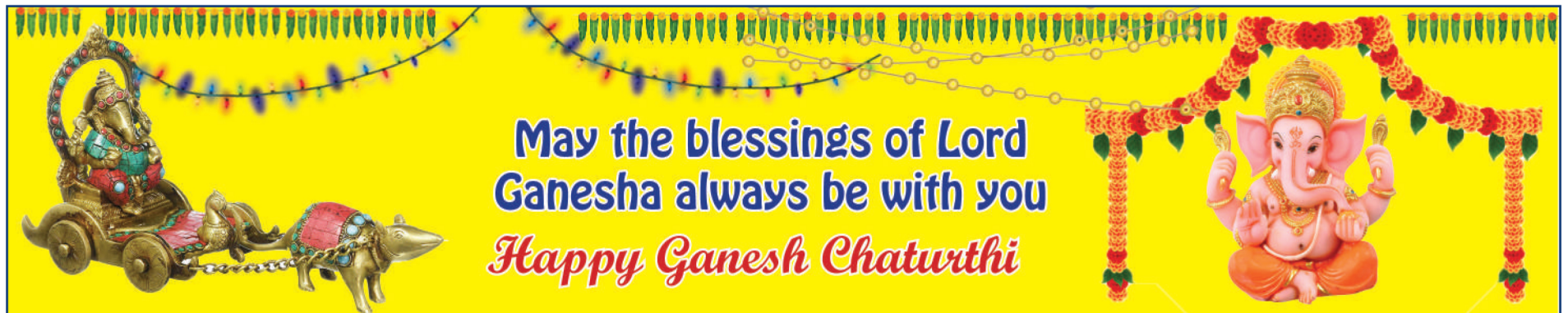
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Ganesha always be with you
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Black Sea MoU announces PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign on STCW

The member Authorities of the Memorandum of Understanding on PSC in the Black Sea Region (BS MoU) will conduct a concentrated inspection campaign on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW).

The three-month campaign will start on September 1st, 2022, and end on November 30th, 2022 under the coordination of the Bulgarian Maritime Administration. The campaign shall be conducted simultaneously with the Paris and Tokyo Memoranda and some other regional PSC regimes.

The purpose of the CIC on STCW is to ensure that:

- To have a better understanding of the training and certification situation of crew members and confirm that the number of seafarers serving on board

and their certificates are in conformity with the relevant provisions of STCW Convention and Code and the applicable safe manning requirements in each party to the Convention and on-board ships of various flag States;

- To check the arrangements made by the shipping company for the performance of new duties by the crew members and the implementation of relevant requirements on watchkeeping and rest on board and confirm that all seafarers serving on board, who are required to be certificated in accordance with STCW Convention, hold an appropriate certificate or a valid dispensation, or provide documentary proof that an application for an endorsement has been submitted to the Flag State Administration;

- The seafarers on board are medically fit and in possession of a valid medical certificate as required by STCW Convention;
 - The watch-keeping schedules and hours of rest are in compliance with the requirements of STCW Convention and Code.
- During the campaign period,

member Authorities of the BS MoU will inspect, within the resources available, as many ships as possible in conjunction with routine port State control inspections. A ship will be subject to only one inspection under this CIC during the period of the campaign. **Turn to page -3**



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The campaign will target compliance on all vessels, regardless of type, and will examine specific items related to the campaign in conjunction with the regular Port State Control inspection. The CIC will also assist to raise awareness of shipowners, operators and crew on STCW.

Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) will use a list of 10 questions to assess the conformity of the number of specific requirements in the SWTCW Convention and Code.

If deficiencies are found, actions by the Port State Control Officer may vary from recording a deficiency and instructing the master to rectify it within a certain period to detaining the ship until serious deficiencies have been rectified. All inspections will be inserted into the Black Sea Information System (BSIS).

The results of the campaign shall be analyzed and the findings will be presented to the Black Sea MoU Committee for submission to the International Maritime Organization.

During July, [Paris and Tokyo MoU announced that they will also jointly launch a new Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) on STCW compliance](#) from 1st September 2022 to 30th November 2022. The inspection campaign will be additional to the regular PSC inspections.

The purpose of the Inspection Campaign is to determine the level of compliance with the requirements of STCW on board. [As per the new revised guidance for PSC, issued by IMO Res. A.1155\(32\) "Procedures for Port State Control, 2021"](#), the PSCOs will focus on specific related items of Appendix 11 "Guidelines for Port State Control Officers on certification of seafarers, manning and hours of rest". This means that PSCOs will not limit inspections only to a typical certification check but they will expand their focus on the evaluation of the Master, officers, and crew's competencies when performing duties and during emergency scenarios.

LOGISTICS NEWS

Gencos Reluctant To Lift Imported Coal Lying Idle At Ports

NEW DELHI
Sagar Sandesh News Service

While the Power Ministry continues to raise red flag voicing concern over shortage of coal to fire domestic power plants, the Coal Ministry has a different story to tell. Close to 3.03 million tonnes (mt) of coal imported by State generation companies (gencos) for blending purposes is lying at various ports in India as on August 17. Of this, public sector power utility NTPC alone accounts for nearly 73 per cent of the total stock at close to 2.2 mt.

According to a senior official State gencos were not too keen on imports because of

the huge differential between domestic and international coal prices. And now that the Power Ministry has withdrawn the mandatory imported coal blending order earlier this month, the gencos are even more reluctant to lift the contracted quantity, the official added.



Nearly 3.03 mt of imported coal waiting to be lifted at various ports, of which NTPC accounts for a chunk at 2.2 mt



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