



Marine Notice 2/2010

Port/Flag State Control – Focused Inspection Campaign

The purpose of this notice is to advise members of the maritime industry engaged in the loading and securing of cargo containers in Australian ports of AMSA's intention to conduct a three month Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) between 1 February to 30 April 2009.

AMSA will conduct the FIC on all vessels to which the *Navigation Act 1912* (the Navigation Act) applies.

The FIC will primarily concentrate on container securing equipment; both fixed and portable. The equipment inspected will include such things as twist locks, lashing bars and wires, along with the lashing anchor and securing points, etc.

AMSA's intention is to ensure that Masters fulfil their obligations under Regulation 5 to Chapter VI of SOLAS relating to the safe stowage and securing of cargo. This also includes securing arrangements on vessels of less than 500GT.

AMSA surveyors will normally conduct the FIC in conjunction with a port/flag State control inspection.

However, an AMSA surveyor may undertake a random inspection of only the container securing equipment during the FIC.

Where an AMSA surveyor finds a deficiency during the focused inspection, AMSA will require the Master to carry out all necessary rectification work. If an AMSA surveyor finds a deficiency that is serious in nature, the surveyor may detain the vessel under the Navigation Act.

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