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**Subject: “Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (I.O.M.O.U) –
Port State Control Annual Report 2022”**



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Background

1. The Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) on Port State Control (PSC) in the Indian Ocean region (<https://www.iomou.org/>) was finalized based on the first preparatory meeting held in India in October 1997 and the second meeting in June 1998 in South Africa.
2. As of December 2022, twenty (20) countries have become parties to the Memorandum. They are Australia, Bangladesh, Comoros, Eritrea, France (La Reunion), India, Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, and Yemen.
3. Under the Memorandum, each Authority will establish and maintain an effective system of PSC regime. The mission of the IOMOU among the maritime authorities responsible for Port State Control in the Indian Ocean region is to promote the effective implementation of an improved and harmonized system of PSC by uniform application, of relevant International Maritime Organization (IMO)/International Labor Organization (ILO) instruments on ships operating in the region.

The IOMOU PSC Annual Report 2022

4. The IOMOU PSC Report among others serves the international maritime community for:
 - **Transparency and Accountability:** The annual report serves as a means to provide transparency and accountability to the member states and stakeholders involved in the IOMOU. It aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the activities, results, and performance of the port state control inspections conducted within the Indian Ocean region.
 - **Assessment of Compliance:** The report serves as a tool to assess the level of compliance with international maritime standards and regulations by the vessels visiting the ports of the member states. It helps identify trends, areas of concern, and potential non-compliance issues that need to be addressed.
 - **Identifying Safety and Environmental Risks:** By analyzing the inspection findings and detentions, the report identifies safety and environmental risks associated with ships visiting the ports. This information can be used to prioritize resources and develop targeted interventions to mitigate risks and improve maritime safety and environmental protection.

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PSC Report Statistics for 2022

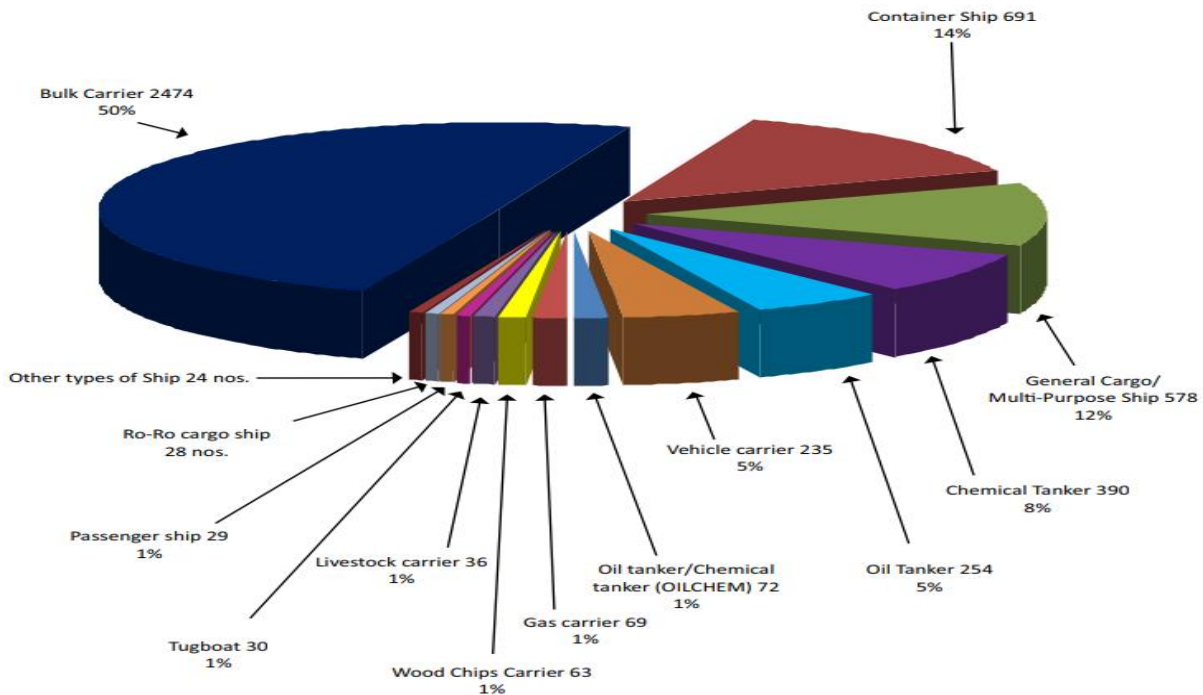
5. As per the official statistics included within the report, a total of 5060 inspections were carried out in 2022. Out of these 5060 inspections, 2279 inspections had deficiencies and the total numbers of deficiencies were 9902.

6. Serious deficiencies noted by the PSCOs led to the detention of 199 ships and needed to be rectified before the ships' departure; the overall detention percentage for the year was 3.93%. Though there has been a 1.32% increase in the total number of inspections in 2022, compared to those inspected in 2021, the detention percentage has decreased from 3.97% recorded in 2021.

7. The average number of deficiencies per inspection in 2022 (1.95) has slightly increased compared to the previous year (1.82).

Type of Ships Inspected

8. The below graph presents the main types of ships inspected, as a % of the total inspections implemented, with 20 inspections and above for each type of vessel. Bulkers had the greatest number of inspections with 2474, out of which 1063 found deficiencies leading to 102 detentions. Containerships come in second with 691 inspections, 344 inspections with deficiencies, and 27 detentions. Finally, general cargo ships reported 578 inspections, 366 of which found deficiencies, causing 31 detentions.

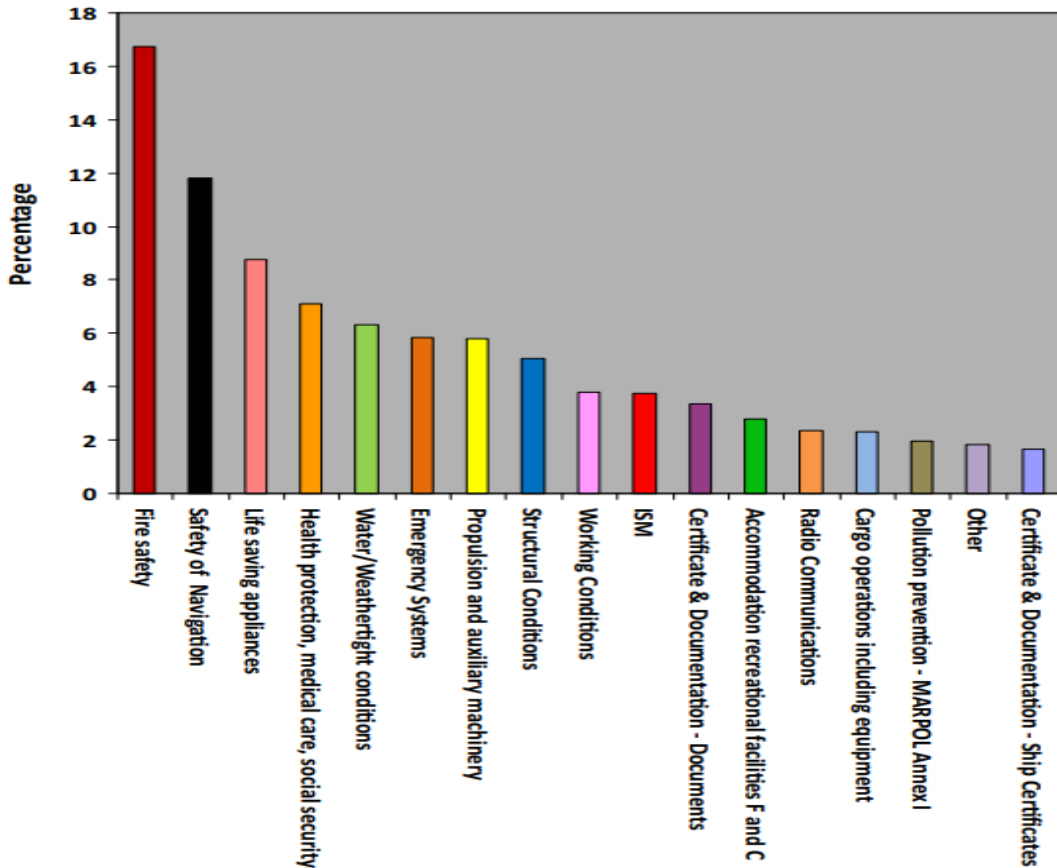


(source IOMOU on PSC, Annual Report 2022).



Nature of Deficiencies as % of Vessels Inspected

As for the nature of deficiencies, fire safety issues are on top with 1659 deficiencies, followed by the safety of navigation with 1168, and Life-saving appliances coming in third with 865 deficiencies.



(source IOMOU on PSC, Annual Report 2022).

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