

## **A-23: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PORT STATE CONTROL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

**Name of the convention:** Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Mediterranean Region

**Acronym or short name:** MedMoU

**International organisation in charge of it:** International Maritime Organization (IMO)

**Participating Maritime Authorities & Associate Members:** Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Palestinian Authority

**Observers:** [IMO](#), [ILO](#), [EC](#)

**Summary description (in plain language):** This agreement deals with the procedure of Port State Control in mediterranean region. Each Contracting Party have to establish and maintain a system of Port State Control in order to ensure that, without discrimination as to flag, foreign merchant ships calling at the ports of its state comply with the standards laid down ([section 1.2](#)).

Also, the Contracting Parties have to achieve 15% annual inspection rate per country within 3 years ([section 1.3](#)).

**Date of first approval:** 11 july1997

**Dates of revision:** ∅

**Reasons of revisions:** ∅

**Applicability (situation of ratification):** This Memorandum will enter into force for each Authority on the date duly notified to the Secretariat ([section 10.6](#)).

**Stakes for ports:**

Ports are strictly involved in the control of foreign ships entered in their ports ([section 3](#)). Port State Control Officers are entitled to survey ships. They are liable for the inspection of those ships:

In general ships will not be inspected within six months of a previous inspection in a MOU port, unless there are clear grounds for inspection. All possible efforts are made to avoid unduly detaining or delaying a ship. Inspections are generally unannounced.

Port State Control is carried out by a Port State Control Officer (PSCO). The PSCO is a properly qualified person, authorized to carry out Port State Control inspections in accordance with the MOU's and relevant instruments, by the maritime authority of the Port State and acts under its responsibility. All PSCOs carry an identity card, issued by their maritime authorities.

**Links with other conventions:** [LL 66](#), [SOLAS 74](#), [SOLAS PROT 78](#), [MARPOL 73/78](#), [STCW 78](#), [COLREG 72](#), [TONNAGE 69](#), [ILO Convention No. 147](#)

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