

INFORMATION ABOUT CARIBBEAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Port State Control (PSC) is a ship inspection program whereby foreign vessels entering a sovereign state's waters are boarded and inspected to ensure compliance with various major international maritime conventions, namely: International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarer (STCW), Load Lines (LL), Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) and International Labour Organization Convention No. 147 Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) (ILO 147).

PSC programs are of a regional nature; that is, several countries sharing common waters have grouped together under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to ensure that vessels trading in their area are not substandard.

February 9, 1996 marked a major watershed in the history of maritime transport in the Caribbean Region with the signing of the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control. This historic occasion took place in Christ Church Barbados. This was in reality a successful culmination of years of discussion, research and assistance from the International Maritime Organization with the lead person being Captain Barrie Rial (RMA).

The two Maritime Administrations which were most active in carrying the process forward were the Maritime Services Division of Trinidad and Tobago and the Maritime Administration of Barbados. The CMOU is greatly indebted to the following organizations which made significant contributions to its formation:

- The Paris MOU which outlined most of the guiding principles
- The United States Coast Guard offered support in every way possible and still continues to assist the region in terms of training attachments for Port State Inspections and other training initiatives.
- Lloyd's Registry Fairplay who worked on the Carib Ship Data Base

The CMOU was signed by the following states of the Caribbean:

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago,

However, the following were the inaugural members of the Caribbean Port State Control Committee:

Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Trinidad & Tobago,

The first Chairman of the CMOU Port State Control Committee was Lt. Cdr. Curtis Roach of Trinidad and Tobago, the Vice Chairman was Captain Hopeton Delisser of Jamaica and the first Secretary was Ms. Valerie Brown Director of Maritime Affairs of Barbados.

Initially, the Secretariat was located in Barbados at the office of the Maritime Administration. The Secretariat was subsequently relocated in Jamaica in 2002 at the Maritime Authority of Jamaica.

The CMOU is evolving, from the onset there was an offer from the Netherlands Antilles to host the Caribbean Maritime Information Centre (CMIC) however, there were some administrative limitations with regard to the receipt and input of data.

In 2003 at the Port State Control Committee Meeting, Suriname was selected as the host state for the CMIC. The system was contracted from Transport Canada.

The Port State Control Committee meetings are hosted by the respective member states on a rotating basis. To date there are twelve (12) members on the Committee however, there have been two formal applications for membership from Belize and St. Kitts and Nevis.

The establishment of the CMOU has been rightly regarded as a catalyst for the advancement and development of Maritime Administrations in the Caribbean Region, since member states were expected to have well established maritime administrations precedent to the carrying out of Port State Control. There was also collaboration with IMO and the Port State Control Committee through the office of the Regional Maritime Advisor Lt. Cdr. Curtis Roach to ensure that member states accede to the Key International Maritime Conventions.

It is no secret that Port State Control has been a driving force relative to Flag State implementation. The CMOU on Port State Control remains committed to the eradication of sub standard shipping not only in the Caribbean region but on a Global level.

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