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TO: **All Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships, ClassIBS Surveys Sites.**
FROM: **ClassIBS Head Office**
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SUBJECT: **Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) by China Maritime Safety Administration (China MSA) for aging bulk carriers beginning from 15 June 2017 and ends on 31 December 2017.**

Be informed that the Maritime Safety Administration of China (MSA) has announced the launch of a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) focusing on large bulk carriers of more than 10,000 gross tonnage (GT). The campaign will be held during the second semester of 2017, starting from 15 June 2017 through 31 December 2017.
Due to the recent casualties and structural deficiencies experienced by older bulk carriers, MSA will target bulk carriers above 15 years of age, engaged in international voyages as priority targets of inspection.
China MSA expects bulk carriers that were converted from tankers will be inspected at the first port of call after 15 June 2017 in conjunction with PSC inspections, and then be subsequently inspected per the Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This special inspection shall focus on the ship's structural elements and following will be checked:

1. Loading / unloading plan agreed by the ship and terminal (IMO Res. A.862 (20))
2. Approved cargo/ ballast operation manual
3. ESP documents of bulk carrier (IMO Res. A.744(18))
4. Thickness measurement reports
5. Weather tightness of hatch covers
6. Hatch corners and hatch coamings
7. Frames/ plating of cargo spaces
8. Bulkhead structures of cargo spaces
9. Ballast tanks structures

Note: Ship owners/operators of vessels calling Chinese port are advised to be guided by above.

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- CCS Information Bulletin 2017/02

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