



مذكرة تفاهم الرياض
للمراقبة والتفتيش على السفن
RIYADH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON PORT STATE CONTROL

ANNUAL
REPORT
2025





مذكرة تفاهم الرياض
للمراقبة والتفتيش على السفن
RIYADH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON PORT STATE CONTROL

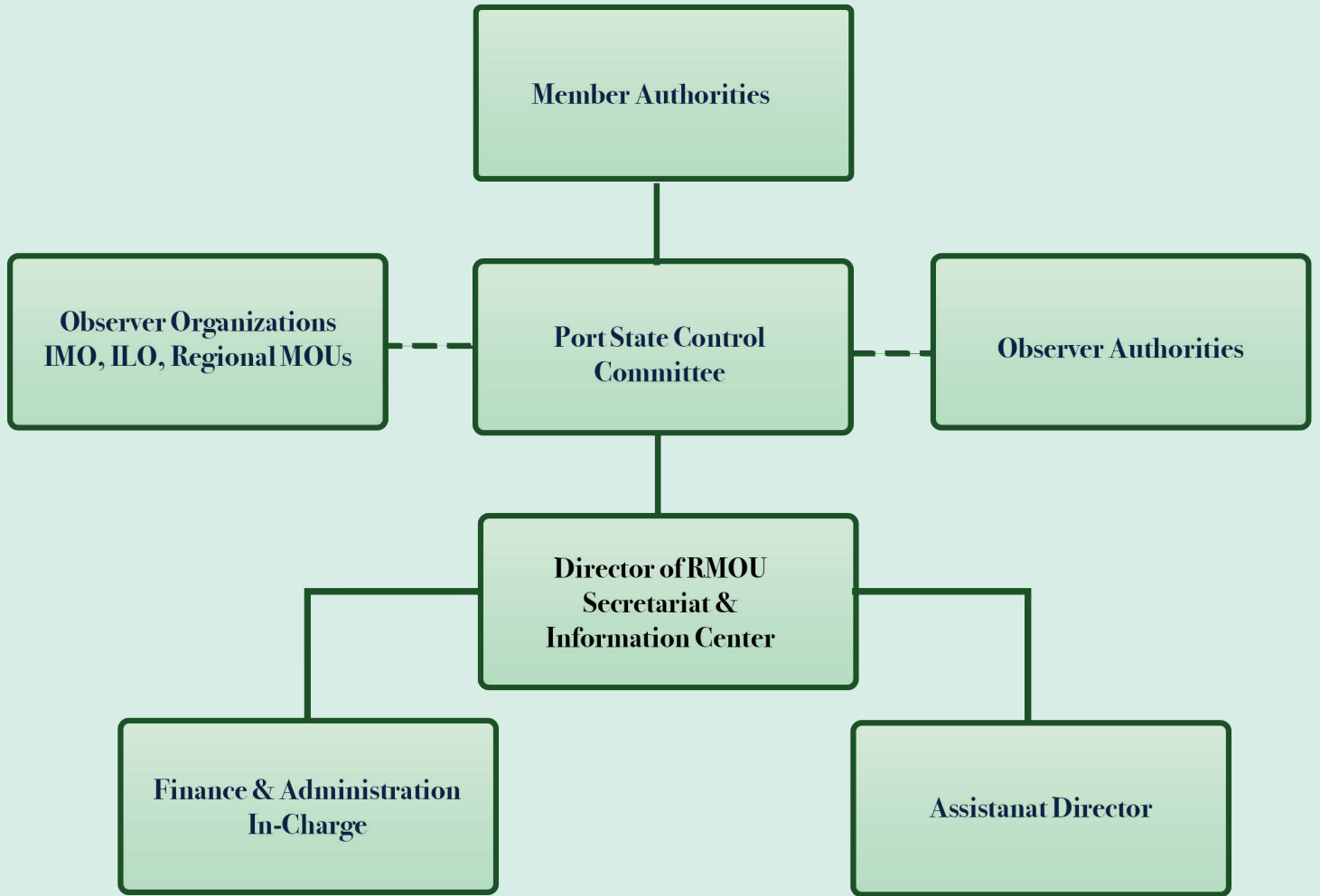


CONTENT

Organizational Chart of Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding	4
Chairman & Director Message	5
Introduction	7
Riyadh MoU Committee	8
Training Workshops Organized by Riyadh MoU	9
Statistics	10
Summary of Deficiencies	13
Detail of Inspections, Deficiencies & Detention per Flag	14
Inspection Data per Ship Type	17
Inspection Details by Classification	18
CIC Report	20
Riyadh MoU Member Authorities	21



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF **RIYADH MOU**



Contact Details



P.O Box 1887, PC 114 Hayy Al Mina - Sultanate of Oman



dsecretariat@riyadhmuu.org



+968 - 2488992



www.riyadhmuu.org



CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR

MESSAGE

It is our great pleasure to present the 2025 Annual Report of the Riyadh MoU on port State control.

This annual report provides an overview of port State control activities and developments in Riyadh MoU during 2025. The report also includes port State control statistics and analysis on the results of inspections conducted by member Authorities during the year.

In 2025, Riyadh MoU witnessed an 8.17% decrease in the number of inspections and a 14.51% decrease in number of inspections with deficiencies in comparison to 2024. A total of 4,375 inspections were reported in Riyadh Ship Information System (RSIS) during 2025 out of which 1,632 inspections had deficiencies.

Below is a brief on statistics for 2025:

1. 8.17% decrease in the number of inspections conducted by all six member authorities of Riyadh MoU as the total number of inspections for 2025 were 4,375 in comparison to 4,764 inspections of the previous year.
2. 14.51% decrease in the number of inspections with deficiencies, from 1,909 in 2024 to 1,632 in 2025.
3. Riyadh MoU had recorded 25 detentions in 2025 resulting in a 35.90% decrease compared to 2024.
4. For the first time in three years, Riyadh MoU had also witnessed a drop in the number of deficiencies by 23.90% with 5,729 deficiencies in comparison to the total number of deficiencies recorded in 2024 (7,528 deficiencies).
5. The authorities of United Arab Emirates (51.48%), Bahrain (47.37%), Oman (41.41%), and Qatar (36.59%) have achieved the agreed minimum of 35% ratio in total number of inspections with deficiencies.
6. Saudi Arabia is leading the member authorities with 2,004 inspections in 2025, followed by United Arab Emirates (1,758), Kuwait (302), Qatar (164), Oman (128), and Bahrain (19).
7. The highest number of inspections occurred in January with 475 inspections recorded and the lowest inspection took place in August with a total of 306 inspections.

Reference to training, during 2025 the secretariat successfully conduct two training courses on:

- Ballast Water Management BWM (CIC Topic) in Saudi Arabia - Jeddah
- IMO Recent Developments (Virtual)

In addition, Riyadh MoU PSCOs participated in training courses organized by other MoUs and other organizations.



CHAIRMAN & DIRECTOR **MESSAGE**

With regards to Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC), Riyadh MoU on port State control carried out a CIC on Ballast Water Management from 1 September - 30 November 2025 along with other regional MoUs. During the campaign, the focus was on the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention).

A total of 874 inspections were carried out with the CIC questionnaire resulting in one detention. The overall CIC detention rate was 0.11%. Detained types of ship included one General cargo/multi-purpose ship.

We extend our gratitude to all Riyadh MoU member authorities, port State control officers, and supporting organizations whose contributions are indispensable to the success of our endeavors. Riyadh MoU remains committed to strengthening regional cooperation and aligning with global standards to create a safer and more sustainable maritime domain.

Together, we can ensure that our region stays active in port State control operations. As we look forward to 2026 and for saving navigation in our region we will continue to work together to strengthen the foundations of maritime safety and security, ensuring a sustainable future for all of us to protect our maritime environment.



Capt. Yousef Mohammed Alhosan
Chairman



Eng. Mohammed bin Shaban AlZadjali
Director



INTRODUCTION

Since, the establishment of the port State control in this Region, the Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding on port State control (Riyadh MoU) was signed in June 2004 in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member States (United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar and the State of Kuwait).

The annual report of Riyadh MoU on port State control is published under the auspices of the Port State Control Committee of the Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding on port State control.

This 2025 annual report covers port State control activities, and the main objective of Riyadh MoU and other regional MoUs is to establish an effective port State control regime within their regions, through cooperation of its members and harmonization of their activities, to eliminate substandard shipping as well as to promote maritime safety, protect and safeguard working and living conditions on board ships and the protection of the marine environment within its jurisdiction.



RIYADH MoU COMMITTEE



RIYADH MOUs 23 PSC COMMITTEE MEETING PARTICIPANTS

The Twenty-Third PSC Committee Meeting of Riyadh MoU on port State control was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 03 - 05 February 2026 under the chairmanship of Capt. Yousef Mohamed Alhosan – Vice President of Regulatory at the Saudi Ports Authority (MAWANI).

The meeting was attended by its six member authorities: United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait. A representative of the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) had attended as observer.

Outcome of the 23 PSC Committee Meeting:

- Finalize Riyadh MoU Administrative and Financial System
- Approved the addition of new RO & deficiency codes in Riyadh SIS
- Finalize the challenges on data exchange
- Upgrade the Riyadh Ship Information System (Riyadh SIS)
- Agreed to conduct CIC on Cargo Securing in 2026
- Approved the proposed 2026 training program
- Approved the Iraqi Higher Maritime Authority delegation visit
- Approved 2026 budget



TRAINING/WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED **By RIYADH MOU**



WORKSHOP ON BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

To enhance the capabilities of the PSCOs within the Riyadh MOU region, the Secretariat organized the following two trainings, one theoretical & practical workshop and one virtually as approved by the committee to be conducted in 2025:

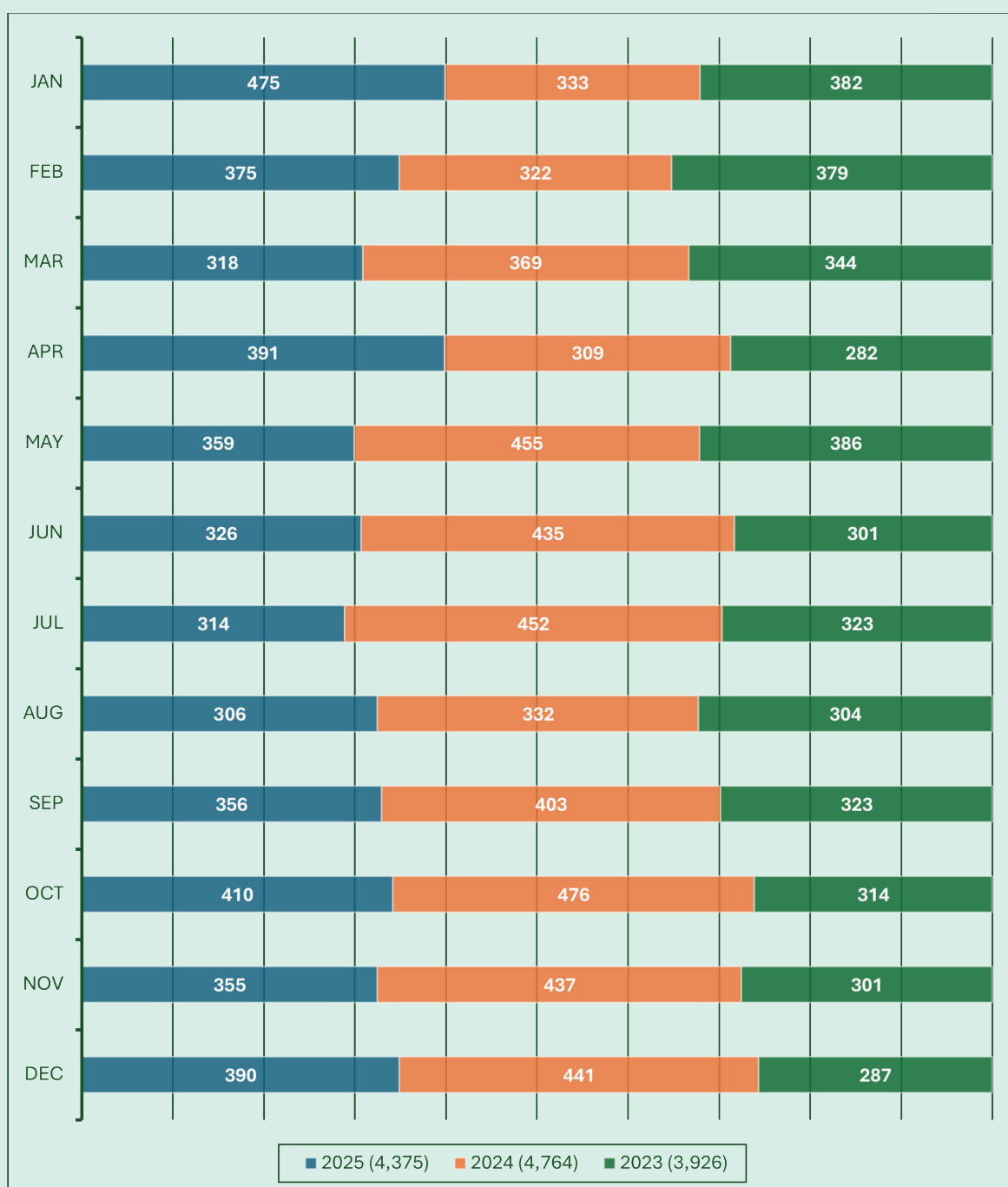
1. CIC on Ballast Water Management training was conducted in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia during the period from 7 to 11 September 2025 in coordination with the Saudi Ports Authority (MAWANI) and in cooperation with the International Maritime Safety & Security Agency (IMSSA). The workshop aimed to ensure that ships flying its flag comply with the standards and procedures for the management and monitoring of ballast water and sediments, prevent the spread of harmful aquatic organisms from one area to another and halt damage to the marine environment, in addition to the implementation of the ship inspectors of the CIC campaign for the year 2025.
2. A training on IMO latest development related to PSC was conducted virtually during the period from 11 to 12 November 2025 in cooperation with the International Maritime Safety & Security Agency (IMSSA). The aim of this workshop is to familiarize PSCOs with the latest developments and to be aware about the new regulation and resolution issued by the IMO and how to apply the IMO decisions in their practical work during conducting the PSCOs according to the required standards.



STATISTICS

INSPECTIONS:

In 2025, Riyadh MoU witnessed a 8.17% decrease in the number of inspections conducted by all six member authorities as the total number of inspections for 2025 were 4,375 inspections in comparison to 4,764 of the previous year. Chart 1 has the breakdown per month:

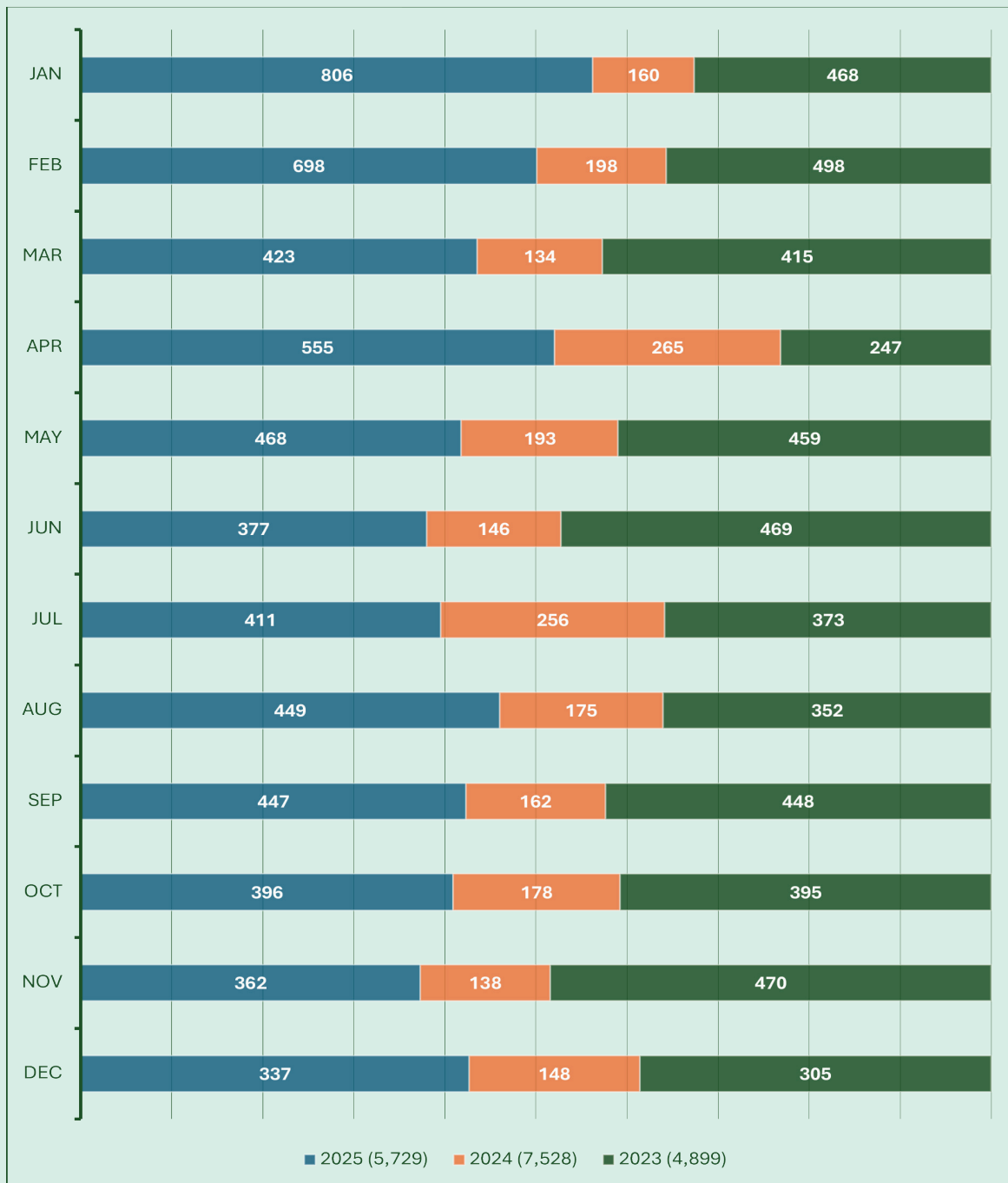




STATISTICS

DEFICIENCIES:

In 2025, 5,729 deficiencies were recorded in the Riyadh MoU region. A 23.90% decrease in total number of deficiencies recorded in 2024 (7,528 deficiencies).





STATISTICS

DETENTIONS:

In 2025, Riyadh MoU region had witnessed a 35.90% decrease in the number of detentions from 39 in 2024 to 25 vessels in 2025.

Recapitulation of Riyadh MoU Member Authorities Inspections:

PSC State	Inspections	Inspections with deficiencies	Number of deficiencies	Deficiencies (%)	Detentions	Detention (%)
Saudi Arabia	2004	549	1,470	27.40%	15	0.75%
United Arab Emirates	1758	905	3,576	51.48%	3	0.17%
Kuwait	302	56	75	18.54%	2	0.66%
Qatar	164	60	181	36.59%	0	0%
Oman	128	53	391	41.41%	4	3.13%
Bahrain	19	9	36	47.37%	1	5.26%
	4,375	1,632	5,729		25	



SUMMARY OF DEFICIENCIES

CODE	MAJOR CATEGORIES OF DEFICIENCIES	NUMBER	%
01100	Certificate & Documentation - Ship Certificates	440	7.7%
01200	Certificate & Documentation - Crew Certificates	115	2.0%
01300	Certificate & Documentation - Documents	191	3.3%
02100	Structural Conditions	390	6.8%
03100	Water/Weathertight conditions	320	5.6%
04100	Emergency Systems	125	2.2%
05100	Radio Communications	97	1.7%
06100	Cargo operations including equipment	84	1.5%
07100	Fire safety	647	11.3%
08100	Alarms	26	0.5%
09100	Working and Living Conditions - Living Conditions	186	3.3%
09200	Working and Living Conditions - Working Conditions	433	7.6%
10100	Safety of Navigation	541	9.4%
11100	Life saving appliances	307	5.4%
12100	Dangerous goods	15	0.3%
13100	Propulsion and auxiliary machinery	858	15.0%
14100	Pollution prevention - MARPOL Annex I	135	2.4%
14200	Pollution prevention - MARPOL Annex II	4	0.1%
14300	Pollution prevention - MARPOL Annex III	0	0.0%
14400	Pollution prevention - MARPOL Annex IV	69	1.2%
14500	Pollution prevention - MARPOL Annex V	35	0.6%
14600	Pollution prevention - MARPOL Annex VI	18	0.3%
14700	Pollution prevention - Anti Fouling	4	0.1%
14800	Ballast Water Management	94	1.6%
15100	ISM	234	4.1%
16100	ISPS	223	3.9%
18100	Labour Conditions - Minimum requirements for seafarers	0	0.0%



SUMMARY OF DEFICIENCIES

18200	Labour Conditions - Conditions of employment	1	0.0%
18300	Labour Conditions - Accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering	14	0.2%
18400	Labour Conditions - Health protection, medical care, social security	28	0.5%
99100	Other	95	1.7%
		5,729	100%



DETAIL OF INSPECTIONS, DEFICIENCIES & DETENTION / FLAG

Flag	Inspections	Detentions	Inspections with deficiencies	Detention (%)	Inspection (%) with deficiencies
Antigua and Barbuda	55	0	18	0%	32.73%
Bahamas	81	0	15	0%	18.52%
Bahrain	12	0	6	0%	50.00%
Bangladesh	17	0	9	0%	52.94%
Barbados	30	0	18	0%	60.00%
Belgium	7	0	1	0%	14.29%
Belize	9	0	4	0%	44.44%
Benin	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Bermuda (UK)	2	0	0	0%	0%
Bolivia	1	0	1	0%	100%
Brazil	2	0	1	0%	50.00%
Cameroon	3	0	1	0%	33.33%
Cayman Islands (UK)	14	0	1	0.00%	7.14%
China	147	0	38	0.00%	25.85%
Comoros	52	6	40	12%	77%
Cook Islands	19	0	19	0%	100.00%
Croatia	3	0	1	0%	33.33%
Cyprus	53	0	13	0%	25%
Denmark	24	0	7	0%	29.17%
Djibouti	3	0	3	0.00%	100.00%
Dominica	7	0	4	0%	57%
Egypt	14	0	4	0%	29%
Ethiopia	8	0	6	0%	75%
France	7	0	1	0.00%	14.29%
French Southern Territories	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Gabon	5	0	5	0%	100%
Gambia	8	0	8	0%	100.00%
Germany	3	1	1	33%	33%
Gibraltar (UK)	1	0	1	0%	100.00%



DETAIL OF INSPECTIONS, DEFICIENCIES & DETENTION / FLAG

Greece	40	0	2	0%	5%
Guinea	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Guinea-Bissau	1	0	0	0%	0.00%
Honduras	2	0	1	0%	50.00%
Hong Kong, China	244	0	60	0%	25%
India	52	0	26	0.00%	50.00%
Indonesia	7	0	5	0%	71%
Iran	11	1	8	9%	72.73%
Isle of Man (UK)	11	0	3	0%	27.27%
Italy	29	0	2	0%	6.90%
Japan	41	0	7	0%	17%
Jordan	5	0	3	0%	60.00%
Kazakhstan	7	0	4	0%	57%
Kiribati	1	0	1	0%	100%
Korea, Republic of	57	1	23	2%	40.35%
Kuwait	6	0	2	0%	33%
Latvia	1	0	0	0%	0%
Lebanon	2	0	1	0.00%	50.00%
Liberia	739	2	222	0%	30.04%
Luxembourg	3	0	2	0%	67%
Malaysia	5	0	3	0%	60%
Malta	215	0	46	0.00%	21.40%
Marshall Islands	555	2	186	0%	33.51%
Mongolia	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Montenegro	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Netherlands	23	0	6	0%	26%
Niue	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Norway	34	0	8	0.00%	23.53%
Oman	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Pakistan	7	0	5	0%	71.43%
Palau	50	1	42	2.00%	84.00%
Panama	951	5	431	1%	45%
Philippines	8	0	1	0%	13%



DETAIL OF INSPECTIONS, DEFICIENCIES & DETENTION / FLAG

Portugal	64	0	18	0.00%	28%
Qatar	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Russian Federation	9	0	3	0%	33.33%
Saint Kitts and Nevis	68	2	51	3%	75%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	75	0	40	0%	53%
San Marino	9	0	6	0%	67%
Sao Tome and Principe	3	0	3	0%	100%
Saudi Arabia	15	0	5	0.00%	33.33%
Sierra Leone	6	0	3	0.00%	50.00%
Singapore	271	2	98	1%	36%
Sri Lanka	2	0	2	0%	100%
Switzerland	2	0	1	0%	50.00%
Taiwan, China	1	0	1	0%	100.00%
Tanzania	10	0	10	0.00%	100.00%
Thailand	9	0	3	0%	33%
Togo	24	1	19	4.17%	79.17%
Turkiye	17	0	1	0%	5.88%
Tuvalu	20	0	10	0%	50.00%
United Arab Emirates	8	0	3	0.00%	37.50%
United Kingdom	9	0	3	0%	33.33%
United States	19	0	2	0%	10.53%
UNKNOWN	1	1	1	100%	100%
Vanuatu	10	0	2	0.00%	20.00%
Viet Nam	19	0	11	0%	57.89%
Virgin Islands, British (UK)	2	0	2	0%	100%
	4,375	25	1,632		



INSPECTION DATA PER SHIP TYPE

Ship Type	Number of Inspections	Inspections with deficiencies	Inspections without deficiencies	Inspections with deficiencies (%)	Detentions	Detentions in (%) of inspection
Bulk carrier	1,491	570	921	38.23%	7	0.47%
Oil tanker	590	168	422	28.47%	2	0%
Container ship	543	180	363	33.15%	2	0.37%
Oil tanker/Chemical tanker	451	167	284	37.03%	4	1%
General cargo/multi-purpose ship	432	202	230	46.76%	7	2%
Ro-Ro cargo ship	173	40	133	23%	0	0%
Other types of ship	169	86	83	51%	0	0%
Tugboat	99	61	38	62%	1	1%
Offshore service vessel	96	49	47	51.04%	0	0%
Gas carrier	89	34	55	38.20%	0	0.00%
Vehicle carrier	79	11	68	14%	0	0%
NLS tanker	35	15	20	42.86%	1	2.86%
Chemical tanker	24	7	17	29.17%	0	0.00%
Ro-Ro passenger ship	23	3	20	13%	0	0%
Livestock carrier	22	20	2	90.91%	0	0%
Heavy load carrier	21	7	14	33.33%	0	0%
Passenger ship	10	0	10	0%	0	0%
Special purpose ship	8	4	4	50%	0	0%
Hopper dredger	6	2	4	33%	0	0%
High speed passenger craft	5	2	3	40.00%	1	20%
Combination carrier	3	1	2	33.33%	0	0.00%
Oil tanker/NLS tanker	3	2	1	66.67%	0	0.00%
Oil tanker/Gas carrier	2	1	1	50%	0	0%
Refrigerated cargo carrier	1	0	1	0%	0	0%
	4,375	1,632	2,743		25	



INSPECTION DETAILS BY CLASSIFICATION

Classification	Inspections	Detentions	Inspections with deficiencies	Detention (%)	Detention (%)
American Bureau of Shipping	572	0	183	0.00%	31.99%
Asia Classification Society	2	0	1	0.00%	50.00%
Biro Klasifikasi Indonesia	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Bureau Veritas	534	1	212	0.19%	39.70%
China Classification Society	406	1	106	0.25%	26.11%
Columbus American Register	8	0	8	0.00%	100.00%
Cosmos Marine Bureau Inc.	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
CR Classification Society	3	0	3	0.00%	100.00%
Croatian Register of Shipping	10	0	6	0.00%	60.00%
DNV AS	565	3	189	0.53%	33.45%
Dromon Bureau of Shipping	15	2	11	13.33%	73.33%
Dutch Lloyd	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Emirates Classification Society TASNEEF	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Hellas Naval Bureau of Shipping S.M.P.C	5	3	5	60.00%	100.00%
Indian Register of Shipping	64	0	46	0.00%	71.88%
Intermaritime Certification Services, S.A.	22	0	14	0.00%	63.64%
INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION BUREAU CLASS	2	0	2	0.00%	100.00%
International Maritime Register	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
International Naval Surveys Bureau	4	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
International Register of Shipping	33	0	31	0.00%	93.94%
Intertek Maritime Bureau	3	1	3	33.33%	100.00%
Iranian Classification Society	10	1	7	10.00%	70.00%
Isthmus Bureau of Shipping, S.A.	13	0	5	0.00%	38.46%
Korea Classification Society	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Korean Register	224	1	95	0.45%	42.41%
Lloyd's Register	524	3	164	0.57%	31.30%



INSPECTION DETAILS BY CLASSIFICATION

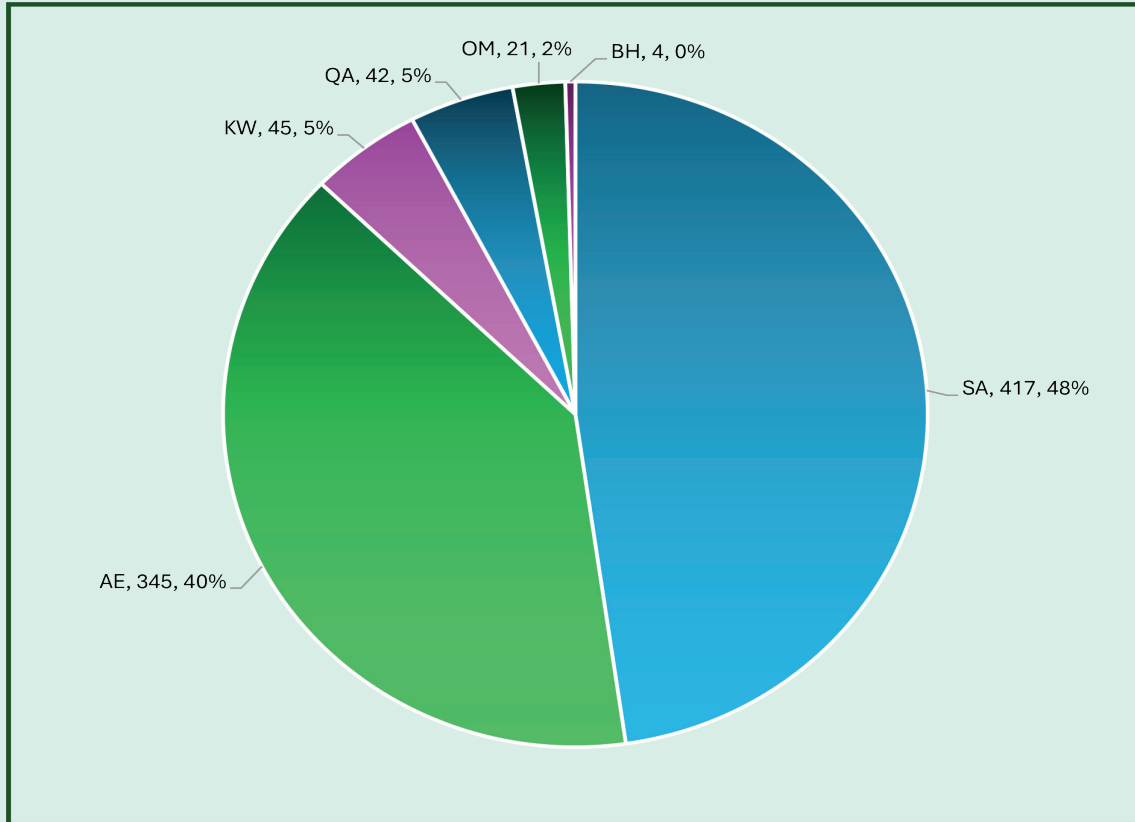
Macosnar Corporation	7	1	6	14.29%	85.71%
Maritime Bureau of Shipping	3	0	3	0.00%	100.00%
National Shipping Adjuster Inc.	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
New United International Marine Services Ltd	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai	904	2	295	0.22%	32.63%
Other	51	4	47	7.84%	92.16%
Overseas Marine Certification Service, Inc.	26	0	15	0.00%	57.69%
Panama Bureau of Shipping	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Panama Classification Bureau	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Panama Maritime Documentation Services	11	0	8	0.00%	72.73%
Panama Shipping Registrar Inc.	1	0	1	0.00%	100.00%
Phoenix Register of Shipping S.A.	7	0	5	0.00%	71.43%
Polski Rejestr Statkow (Polish Register of Shipping)	24	0	13	0.00%	54.17%
RINA Services S.p.A.	278	2	121	0.72%	43.53%
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping	7	0	4	0.00%	57.14%
Turkish Lloyd	7	0	4	0.00%	57.14%
Universal Register of Shipping Ltd.	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Vega Register Inc.	3	0	3	0.00%	100.00%
Veritas Register of Shipping	2	0	1	0.00%	50.00%
Vietnam Register	14	0	8	0.00%	57.14%
	4,375	25	1,632		



CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN

The Riyadh MoU on port State control carried out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Ballast Water Management between 1 September and 30 November 2025. During the campaign period; a total of 874 inspections were carried out with the CIC questionnaire.

#	Country	Number of inspections	Percentage	Detentions as a result of a CIC
1	Saudi Arabia	417	47.71%	1
2	United Arab Emirates	345	39.47%	0
3	Kuwait	45	5.15%	0
4	Qatar	42	4.81%	0
5	Oman	21	2.40%	0
6	Bahrain	4	0.46%	0
	Total	874	100%	1





RIYADH MOU MEMBER AUTHORITIES

United Arab Emirates: Capt. Jaber Saif Al Shehhi Director of Inspection and Control Ministry of Energy & Infrastructure Mobile +971 50 662 1414 E-mail ae@riyadhmou.org	Kingdom of Bahrain Capt. Mohamed Yusuf Al Merbati Asst. Undersecretary for Maritime Affairs Ministry of Transport & Telecommunications (MTT) Office +973 1733 7919 Mobile +973 3315 2531 E-mail bh@riyadhmou.org
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Capt. Yousef Mohammed Alhosan Vice President of Regulatory MAWANI - Saudi Ports Authority Office +966 11 408 9617 Mobile +966 55 502 0096 E-mail sa@riyadhmou.org Eng. Mohammad Abdullah Aljandoul Executive Director General of the Executive Directorate of Control and Inspection MAWANI - Saudi Ports Authority Mobile +966 53 100 1619 E-mail m.aljandol@mawani.gov.sa	Sultanate of Oman Capt. Nooh Salim Abdullah Al Subhi Director of Navigation & Maritime Safety Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology Mobile +968 9508 0158 E-mail om@riyadhmou.org
State of Qatar Capt. Abdulaziz Issa Al Mohannadi Director of the Registration and Seafarers Affairs Departments - Maritime Safety Ministry of Transport Office +974 4045 2277 Mobile +974 5588 6006 E-mail qa@riyadhmou.org	State of Kuwait Colonel. Mishel Almutairi Asst. Manager - Kuwait Maritime Transport Coast Guard General dept - MOI Mobile +965 5055 1050 E-mail kw@riyadhmou.org Colonel/ Abdullah Yousef Alrashed Organizations Management Supervisor Coast Guard General dept - MOI Mobile +965 9967 6766 E-mail Abdullahalrashed@moi.gov.kw



مذكرة تفاهم الرياض
للمراقبة والتفتيش على السفن
RIYADH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON PORT STATE CONTROL



مذكرة تفاهم الرياض للمراقبة والتفتيش على السفن

RIYADH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON PORT STATE CONTROL

