TC NO.	TC 369/26	DATE	June 18, 2026
SUBJECT	Paris MoU Port State Control Committee 2026 guidelines to PSCOs on inspection topics		
REFERENCES	PSCC59/2026/02 -13	REFERS TO	PHRS Head Office Staff and Exclusive Surveyors of INTL Network

1. SCOPE & PURPOSE

The **Paris MoU on Port State Control (Memorandum of Understanding)** regularly issues Instructions or Guidelines to ensure a harmonized approach among Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) during inspections. These instructions aim to standardize enforcement across member states and address "hot topics"—current and often critical issues in maritime safety, environmental protection, and seafarer welfare.

On 17 June 2026 Paris MoU Port State Control Committee published the latest guidance to the Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) across the Paris MoU region on the topics listed below for a harmonized application during Port State Control inspections.

- General principles applied in an inspection
- Guidance on detention and action taken
- Inspections on ships that are laid up or only call for dry-docking
- Guidelines on Security aspects
- Guidelines on MARPOL Annex I - Machinery spaces
- Guidelines on MARPOL Annex II - unloading stripping
- Guidelines on MARPOL ANNEX V – Garbage
- Guidelines on MARPOL Annex I - Crude oil washing
- Guidelines on MARPOL - Procedures for Investigations under MARPOL
- Guidelines on ILO MLC,2006
- Guidelines on MARPOL Annex IV (Sewage)
- Model Forms

Recalling also Technical Circular TC 281/25 [Paris MoU Port State Control Committee guidelines to PSCOs on inspection topics] with the topics published by Paris MoU in July 2025.

These instructions should be duly understood by PhRS surveyors and coordinators for familiarization with Paris MoU inspection practices but also to guide PhRS surveyors to incorporate parts of the guidelines in their surveys' schemes.

It is also of great importance to ensure the familiarity of Ship-Owners, Managers and Operators of ships calling in Paris MoU ports in order to facilitate a smooth inspection process and avoid implications with deficiencies or detentions of the ships by the PSCOs.

For any questions or further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at technical@phrs.gr.

REQUIRED ACTION: Please acknowledge receipt and understanding of TC 369/26 by 25/06/2026.