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BALLAST WATER RELATED OBSERVATION AND STATISTICS LIST ALL OVER THE WORLD

Global Port State Control — Ballast Water Management (BWM) Statistics

CIC REPORT: 1 September – 30 November 2025

TABLE 1 — MoU Campaign Overview

Parameter	Tokyo MoU	Paris MoU (Joint w/ Tokyo)	Black Sea MoU	Global Trend
Total PSC Inspections	9,244	Joint campaign with Tokyo	775	~10,019+
CIC Questionnaire Applied	6,930	Integrated	624	~7,554+
Total Detentions	184	—	76	260+
BWM-Related Detentions	30	—	16	46+
BWM Detention Rate	0.43%	—	2.56%	~0.5–2.6%
Top Deficiency Code	14811 – BWMS not operational	Same	BWMS operability	BWMS Ops

TABLE 2 — Top BWM Deficiency Categories (Global CIC 2025)

#	Deficiency Category	Tokyo MoU Severity	Black Sea Severity	Key Inspector Observations
1	BWMS Not Operational (Code 14811 – Q6)	CRITICAL	CRITICAL	UV faults, TRO sensor failure, filter clog, bypass misuse
2	Ballast Water Record Book (BWRB) Inaccuracies	HIGH	HIGH	Missing entries, wrong tank IDs, date/time errors, no signatures
3	Crew Familiarization & Competency	HIGH	HIGH	Unable to explain treatment sequence or contingency steps
4	BWMP Not Followed / Not Onboard	MODERATE	MODERATE	Plan not matching actual operational practice
5	Certificate / Exemption Issues	MODERATE	MODERATE	Expired IBWMC or invalid exemption documentation
6	Sediment Management Non-Compliance	LOW	LOW	Sediment removal records absent or incomplete

TABLE 3 — Flag State Exposure — Tokyo MoU CIC 2025

Flag State	Inspections	BWM Deficiencies	Risk Indicator
Panama	1,983	475	HIGHEST VOLUME
Liberia	958	234	HIGH VOLUME
Marshall Islands	683	168	HIGH VOLUME
Bahamas	—	—	Moderate
Hong Kong	—	—	Moderate

TABLE 4 — Ship Type Detention Distribution (Combined MoUs)

Ship Type	Detention Rank	Age Profile (yrs)	Notes
General Cargo / Multi-purpose	1st	19–24	43%+ of Tokyo BWM detentions

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Bulk Carriers	2nd	15–25	>68% of Black Sea inspections
Oil Tankers	3rd	15–20	Significant BWRB issues noted
Gas Carriers	4th	10–20	BWMS calibration concerns
Chemical Tankers	5th	12–22	Crew familiarity gaps observed

TABLE 5 — Key PSC Compliance Takeaways for Ship Operators

	Priority Area	Action Required
1	BWMS Operational Readiness	Ensure system is fully functional before port arrival; resolve UV/TRO/filter faults
2	Ballast Water Record Book	Maintain real-time, accurate entries; verify tank IDs, times, officer signatures
3	Crew Competency	Officers must explain treatment sequence, alarms, and contingency procedures
4	Maintenance & Calibration	Keep calibration certificates current; maintain onboard spare parts inventory
5	BWMP Compliance	Approved plan must match actual operations; review before each port call
6	Certificates & Exemptions	Verify IBWMC validity; ensure exemption documents are up to date if applicable

Sources: Black Sea MoU CIC 2025 Final Report (May 2026) | Tokyo MoU Preliminary CIC Results (Mar 2026) | Paris MoU Joint Campaign Framework | DGS India Engineering Circular 34/2025 — Compiled for reference purposes. Always verify against the latest PSC authority publications.



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