

Questions, remarks, queries coming from the Train-the-Trainer for the CIC on Fire Safety, during PSC Seminar 73, June 2022

General	Response
Does the CIC apply to all ships?	The CIC applies to passenger ships and cargo ships of 500GT and up.
When to tick N/A?	The N/A box has intentionally made available for all questions but is only to be used in those exceptional cases where the question cannot be answered due to operational limitations or in case the requirement to be verified is not applicable to the ship. PSCOs should however be encouraged that in case of such operational limitations alternative tests or simulations could be carried out in order to make a well-informed decision whether the ship complies or not.
Question 1	Response
Are the emergency escape routes maintained in a safe condition?	
Should deficiencies related to the ILLC'69 also be recorded under the CIC?	No, Loadlines issues are not within the scope. Such issues should not result in a "No" answer but a deficiency recorded under Load Lines.
Should a deficiency in relation to emergency lighting also lead to use the deficiency code on 07120 (Means of escape), because of unsafe access?	No, the CIC Guidelines indicate two possible deficiency codes (07120: Means of escape and 04103: Emergency lighting, batteries, and switches). A deficiency related to emergency lighting should be recorded under deficiency code 04103.
Question 2	Response
Are fire doors maintained in good working condition?	
Are C type fire doors part of the CIC?	Yes, the question is applicable for all types of fire doors. However not all requirements may be applicable for all types of fire doors.
Question 3	Response
Has the fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems, been periodically tested in	

accordance with the requirements of the Administration?	
How can a PSCO verify whether the fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems “have been periodically tested in accordance with the requirements of the Administration”	The requirements in SOLAS 1999/2000 Amend / Chapter II-2 / Reg. 7.3 state “to the satisfaction of the Administration” and evidence thereof could be found in e.g. Planned Maintenance Systems and test records. Further guidance may be found in SOLAS 1999/2000 Amend / Chapter II-2 / Reg. 14.2 on “Maintenance, testing and inspections” which refers in the main text to the guidelines developed by the Organization (MSC/Circ.1432, as amended by MSC.1/Circ.1516), where it states that Inspections should be carried out by the crew at specific intervals.
Who shall do the periodical tests and at what frequencies?	Guidance may be found in SOLAS 1999/2000 Amend / Chapter II-2 / Reg. 14.2 on “Maintenance, testing and inspections” which refers in the main text to the guidelines developed by the Organization (MSC/Circ.1432, as amended by MSC.1/Circ.1516), where it states that inspections should be carried out by the crew at specific intervals.
What if equipment is out of order?	This is a deficiency, but outside the scope of the CIC
Question 4 Are ventilation closing appliances capable of being closed?	Response
Q4 and Q5 have the same deficiency code, how to record a “No” on both questions?	For both questions answered with “No”, a deficiency should be raised for each question. It is confirmed that THETIS accepts the entry of the same deficiency code, with the same “nature of defect”. Care should be taken to mention the correct convention reference for each deficiency.
Question 5 Are the means of control for power ventilation of machinery spaces operable from two grouped positions?	Response
Q4 and Q5 have the same deficiency code, how to record a “No” on both questions?	For both questions answered with “No”, a deficiency should be raised for each question. It is confirmed that THETIS accepts the entry of the same deficiency code, with the same “nature of defect”. Care should be taken to mention the correct convention reference for each deficiency.
Question 6 Can each fire pump deliver at least the two required jets of water?	Response
Does the question include the Emergency Fire Pump?	No

Question 7 Are the means of control provided in a position outside the machinery space for stopping ventilation and oil transfer equipment operational?	Response
Does the oil transfer equipment also include equipment related to cargo operations (e.g. on tankers)?	No
Question 8 Is the room for the fixed gas fire extinguishing medium used only for this purpose?	Response
Question 9 Are the valves used in the fire main line operational?	Response
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Question 10 Where a fire drill was witnessed, was it found to be satisfactory?	Response
When to tick N/A?	PSCOs are encouraged to conduct a fire drill. In the exceptional cases that this is not possible the N/A box can be ticked. In such a case, it is suggested to add a comment in the field "observations to inspection" to indicate the reason why the drill was not carried out.
Can a fire drill be recorded for an initial inspection?	No, the system does not allow the recording of a fire-drill under initial inspection, but the drill can be marked in the CIC form by ticking "YES". In any case, conducting a fire drill does not change the type of inspection to more detailed inspection.