



**Mediterranean Memorandum of  
Understanding on Port State Control**

**Annual Report 2020**

*Covid-19 Pandemic effects*

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## **FOREWORD**

*We are pleased to present the Annual Report on Port State Control in the Mediterranean region for year 2020 which published under the auspices of the Port State Control Committee of the Mediterranean MoU.*

*Due to the repercussions of the Covid-19 epidemic, 2020 was a very difficult year for the whole world, not only for the region. the complete lockdown due to the pandemic, its effects are evident in the numbers of inspections and detentions recorded during the year 2020. In this context the Med MoU on PSC issued its Circular to encourage Med MoU member authorities to take immediate and pragmatic action with regards to the extensions of validity of the ship's certificates, seafarers' certificates including medical certificates and extensions of service period onboard, The Circular also aimed to safeguard and protect our Port State Control Officers and the Seafarers on board the ships.*

*The Med MoU on PSC Secretariat announced the reduction of the annual total number of inspections corresponding to 7% instead of 15% of the estimated number of individual foreign ships which entered the ports of a member State during the year 2020*

*Ten Med MoU Member states couldn't carry out the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on ship stability in general and postponed it to be carried out in 2021. All meetings of the Med MoU on PSC in 2020 did not take place as usual and were carried out using virtual means.*

*This annual report highlights the developments and activities of the Med MOU in 2020. Moreover, the report also provides port State control statistics and analysis on the results of inspections during 2020.*

*We would like to thank all the members of the Management Advisory Board (MAB) who continued to serve the Med MoU throughout 2020 and all the Committee Member States for their support during the year and we would like specially to thank all the Med MoU Port State Control Officers and their Administrations who have endured to continue working under the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain the sustainability of navigation at sea.*



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## OVERVIEW

### Introduction:

This Annual Report published under the auspices of the Med MoU Committee on PSC. This annual report is the fifteenth issue and covers port State control activities and developments in the year 2020.

In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum, the Authorities which have signed and formally accepted the Memorandum or which have been accepted with unanimous consent of the port State control committee would become full members.

Currently, the Memorandum has 10 full members namely: Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey.

The Port State Control Committee established for Monitoring and controls the implementation and on-going operation of the Memorandum.

The Committee consists of representatives of the member Authorities and also observers from the maritime Authorities and the inter-governmental organizations which have been granted observer status by the committee, namely: International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organization (ILO), European Commission (EC), Paris MoU, Black Sea MoU and the US Coast Guard.

The Secretariat of the Memorandum is located in Alexandria, Egypt and its Information Centre in Casablanca, Morocco.

### Relevant instruments:

- 1) The International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (LOAD LINES 66);
- 2) the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (LL PROT 88);
- 3) The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS 74);
- 4) The Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS PROT 78);
- 5) The Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS PROT 88);
- 6) The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997 (MARPOL);
- 7) The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW 78);

- 8) The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG 72);
- 9) the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 (TONNAGE 69);
- 10) The Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976 (ILO Convention No. 147) (ILO 147);
- 11) The Protocol of 1996 of the Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976 (ILO Convention No. 147) (ILO147);
- 12) The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC 2006);
- 13) The International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 (CLC 1969);
- 14) Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 (CLC PROT 1992);
- 15) International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (AFS 2001);
- 16) The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001;
- 17) The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM).

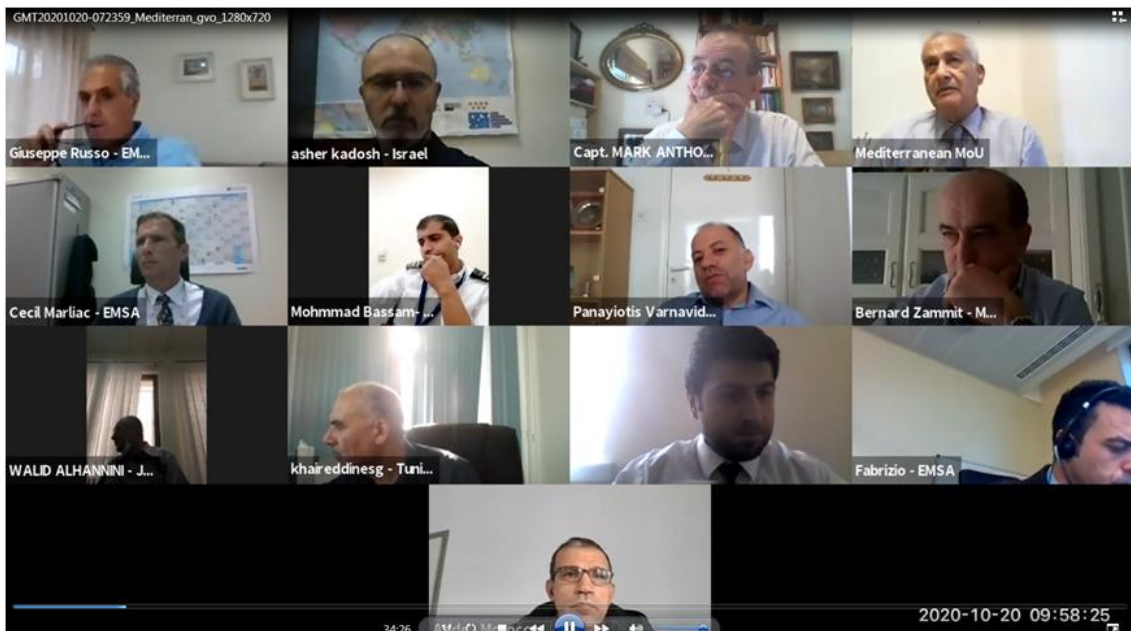
## THE COMMITTEE

**The Twenty-Second Committee Meeting** was held virtually from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2020. The Maritime Authorities of Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey participated as Members of the Committee. The Paris MoU, the US Coast Guard, IMO and the Black Sea MoU represented by the Turkish delegation participated as an observer. The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), Riyadh MoU and IO MOU Secretariats participated in the meeting as invited observer.

### **Important outcomes of this meeting:**

- Secretary General of the Med MoU on PSC, Adm. Mokhtar Ammar, on behalf of the Committee extended gratitude and appreciation to Capt. Mark A. Chapelle for his long lasting and outstanding contributions rendered to the Mediterranean region and to the International Maritime Community and wishing him all success in his new post.
- Committee discussed the Med MoU on PSC Circular regarding COVID-19 and the Committee emphasized on the importance to share information on measures adopted by member states on implementation of different Circulars published by the IMO regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- Committee agreed to postpone the 2020 CIC on “Stability in General”, jointly prepared by Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU due to the COVID- 19 Pandemic.
- Committee noted the progress made by Med MoU on PSC Secretariat regarding the Quality Assurance Certificate renewal and noted that the Secretariat was certified with ISO 9001: 2015 Certification on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and it will be expired on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.
- Committee extended the deepest condolences to the people and Government of Lebanon following the terrible explosions in Beirut on 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.
- Committee noted that the agreement with the Lloyd's List Intelligence (LLI) needs to be renewed, and the Committee authorized the Med MoU on PSC Secretariat to renew the LLI agreement under same conditions.



20-21 October 2020 – Med MoU 22<sup>nd</sup> PSC Committee – using Virtual means

## MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD (MAB)

During 2020, MAB members were Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia. Two meetings in 2020 were held using virtual means, all MAB members participated, Secretariat, CIMED and EMSA

MAB23 meeting was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, and MAB24 Meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

### **Important outcomes of those meetings:**

- MAB recommended the Committee to replace the MAB membership of Egypt with that of Jordan starting from MAB25 in 2021, when the term of Egypt as MAB member will terminate.
- MAB noted the follow up presented by the Med MoU Secretariat on the preparations already in place for the First Ministerial Conference. Considering the restrictions on travel and congregations caused by the Pandemic, the MAB agreed to postpone the Ministerial Conference until further notice.
- MAB discussed the working paper on lessons learnt from Beirut port explosion, which occurred on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 and requested the Med MoU on PSC Secretariat to present that working paper to the Committee meeting.

### **THE INFORMATION CENTER (CIMED)**

The Med MoU Information Center has been established in Morocco, for the purpose of exchanging information on port State inspection, to make information on inspection of ships on other regional ports available to authorities to assist them in their selection of foreign flag ships to be inspected and in the exercise of port State control in the region.

### **Most important achievements of the CIMED:**

- 10 Med MoU Members use the system MedSIS on daily basis: Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey.
- The number of active users to the MedSIS is 354 end-users.
- Data exchange is always current with (GENSCAPE, EQUASIS, LLI, IMO, HIS, BS MoU).
- From July 2015, the Electronic Platform (MaKCs) hosting DLP and on Rule Check tool is available for all Med MoU PSCO's by EMSA within the activities of SAFEMED Projects.
- CIMED participated to SAFEMED IV Training on THETIS-Med for the Regional Administrator. Lisbon, 21-22 January 2020.

## CO-OPERATION WITH THE IMO

The Med MoU on PSC has inter-governmental status (IGO) since 2006 to the IMO meetings. Exchange of Data with IMO; the uploading into GISIS is always current starting from August 2011.

Med MoU on PSC has the pleasure to present hereinafter highlights and summary of activities in 2020 in cooperation with the IMO:

- a) The First Video Meeting on the impact of COVID-19 crisis on shipping in April 2020
  - Based on the unprecedented situation generated by the COVID-19 crisis, the IMO Secretary General arranged, a video meeting with representatives of the Secretariats and Chairmen of the different PSC regimes to discuss their actions, assistance and pragmatic approach that they need to take.
  - The Med MoU represented in that Meeting by the Secretariat and the Chairman. The Secretariat presented its circular due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b) The Second Video Meeting with PSC regimes on harmonized actions, assistance, and pragmatic approach at the time of pandemic of Covid-19 Wednesday, 17 June 2020
  - Port State control (PSC) regimes have expressed their willingness to be part of the solution to the urgent issue of crew changes and repatriation of seafarers.
  - The Med MoU represented in that Meeting by the Secretariat and the Chairman. The Secretariat presented how the pandemic affected the numbers of inspections and detentions in that time.

## CO-OPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Following the achievements of the previous (SAFEMED) projects, the European Commission launched the SAFEMED-IV project. The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) is responsible for the project implementation.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> SAFEMED IV Steering Committee was organized on-line on 5 of November 2020. The Med MoU represented in that Meeting by the Secretariat and the Chairman.
- THETIS-Med, the new information system for the Med MoU on Port State Control, is operational from 1 February 2020 and supports Port State Control Officers to target, report inspections and perform statistics within the Mediterranean MoU.



- 21-22 January 2020 - Training on THETIS-Med for the Regional Administrator.
- EMSA’s staff delivered a training on THETIS-Med in Izmir, Turkey, from 5 to 6 February 2020. Overall, 22 participants from the Turkish Maritime Administration attended the course.
- A regional Training on THETIS-Med took place on 12-13 February 2020 at EMSA premises in Lisbon. Overall, 16 participants from Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey attended the course.



*12-12/02/2020 - Participants in the Training on THETIS-Med, Lisbon*

## **CO -OPERATION WITH PARIS MOU**

The Med MoU has established and maintained effective and close cooperation with the Paris MoU, both at administrative and technical levels.

Deputy secretary, Eng. Hossam Gadalla, represented the Med MoU at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Paris MoU Committee meeting held using virtual means, 28 September - 2 October 2020.

Mr. Maarten Vlag, represented the Paris MoU Secretariat at the Med MoU on PSC 22<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting held using virtual means, 20 – 21 October 2020.

## ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT 2020

In the following statistics, the figures of 2020 are listed, and the figures shows the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the numbers of inspections, detentions, and deficiencies.

### **INSPECTIONS**

With a total number of 3,667 inspections performed in 2020, the inspection figures showed a significant decrease of 1,713 inspections (32 %) compared with the figures of 2019.

The greatest contribution for inspections was from Turkey with 1,209 inspections then from Egypt with 961 inspections.

The greatest percentage of inspections was in the "General cargo/multipurpose ship" which was 1,288 inspections (35% of all inspections).

### **DETENTIONS**

The detention figures showed a decrease in the number of detentions in 2020 compared with 2019. The average detention rate in 2020 is 1.36%, which is lower than 2014, which showed a detention rate of 5.9%.

The greatest percentage of detentions was on "General cargo/multipurpose ship" which is 32 detentions (64% of total number of detentions).

### **DEFICIENCIES**

#### **Number of deficiencies (7,201)**

In 2019, the number of deficiencies recorded was 10,635 deficiencies; in 2020, this number decreased by (32%) compared with 2019. The ratio of deficiencies per inspections slightly decreased from 1.97 in 2019 to 1.96 in 2020.

#### **Number of inspected ships with deficiencies (1,402)**

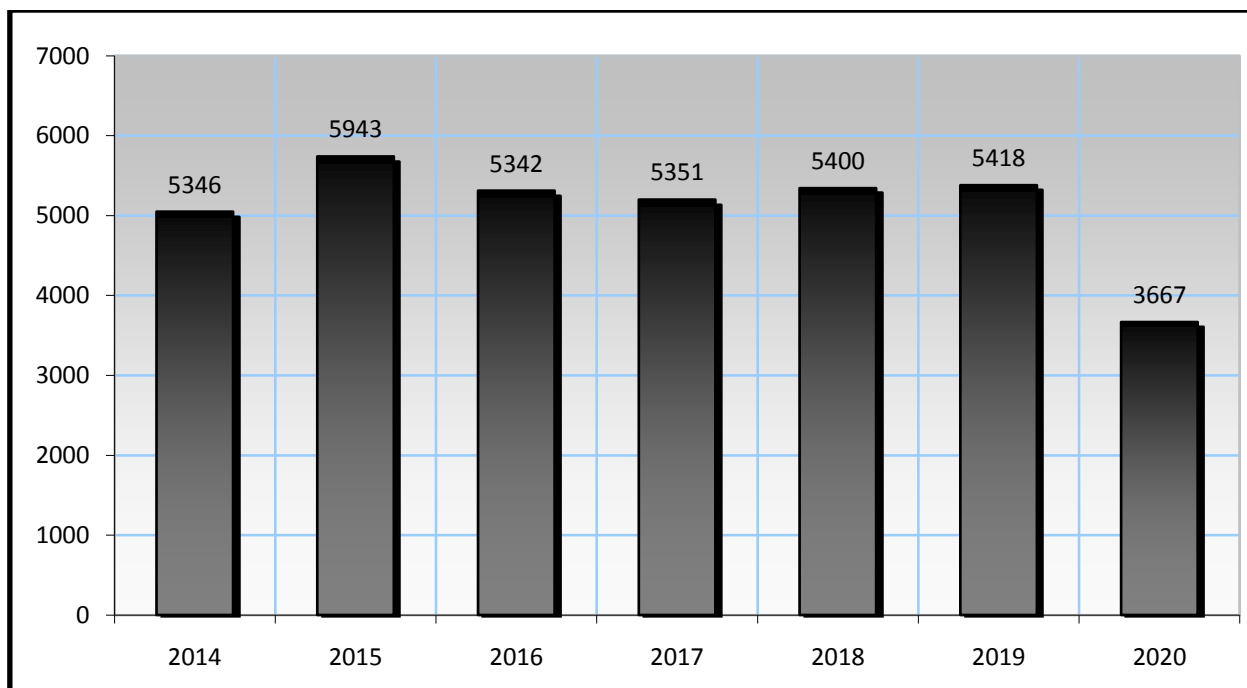
The greatest number of ships with deficiencies was in "General cargo/multipurpose ship" which recorded 715 ships (51% of total number of inspected ships with deficiencies).

# STATISTICAL ANNEXES

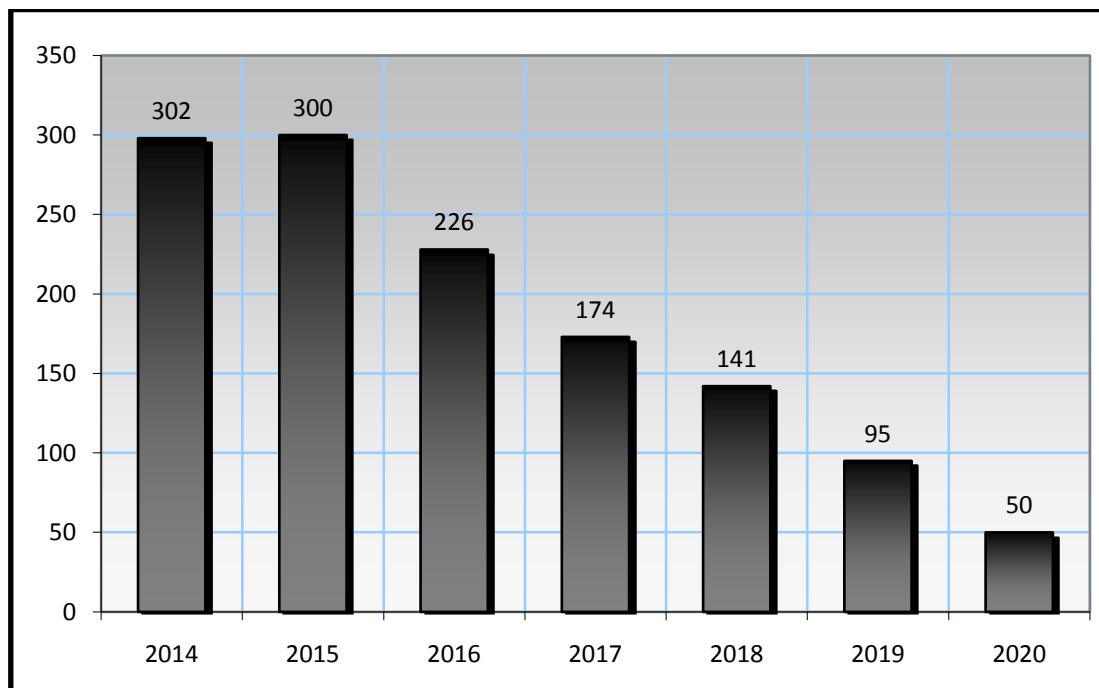
## Contribution of Mediterranean MoU Members to Inspections / Detentions in Year 2014 - 2020

Country	Inspections								Detentions							
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
<b>Algeria</b>	589	732	435	534	465	411	37	<b>3203</b>	7	4	2	0	0	1	0	<b>14</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	126	136	147	123	114	106	31	<b>783</b>	18	13	13	12	7	9	0	<b>72</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	1650	1557	1060	1149	1100	913	961	<b>8390</b>	108	57	39	42	34	9	8	<b>297</b>
<b>Israel</b>	181	203	205	225	280	305	186	<b>1585</b>	7	14	25	6	4	1	2	<b>59</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	356	394	456	514	502	496	354	<b>3072</b>	5	1	3	8	9	8	4	<b>38</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	485	504	553	582	539	526	372	<b>3561</b>	2	6	4	9	7	3	1	<b>32</b>
<b>Malta</b>	205	191	239	218	201	187	158	<b>1399</b>	12	7	5	5	6	8	3	<b>46</b>
<b>Morocco</b>	530	529	441	403	526	659	128	<b>3216</b>	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Tunisia</b>	99	141	279	343	235	279	231	<b>1607</b>	1	1	3	12	22	14	3	<b>56</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	1125	1556	1527	1260	1438	1536	1209	<b>9651</b>	141	197	130	79	52	42	29	<b>670</b>
	<b>5346</b>	<b>5943</b>	<b>5342</b>	<b>5351</b>	<b>5400</b>	<b>5418</b>	<b>3667</b>		<b>302</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>50</b>	

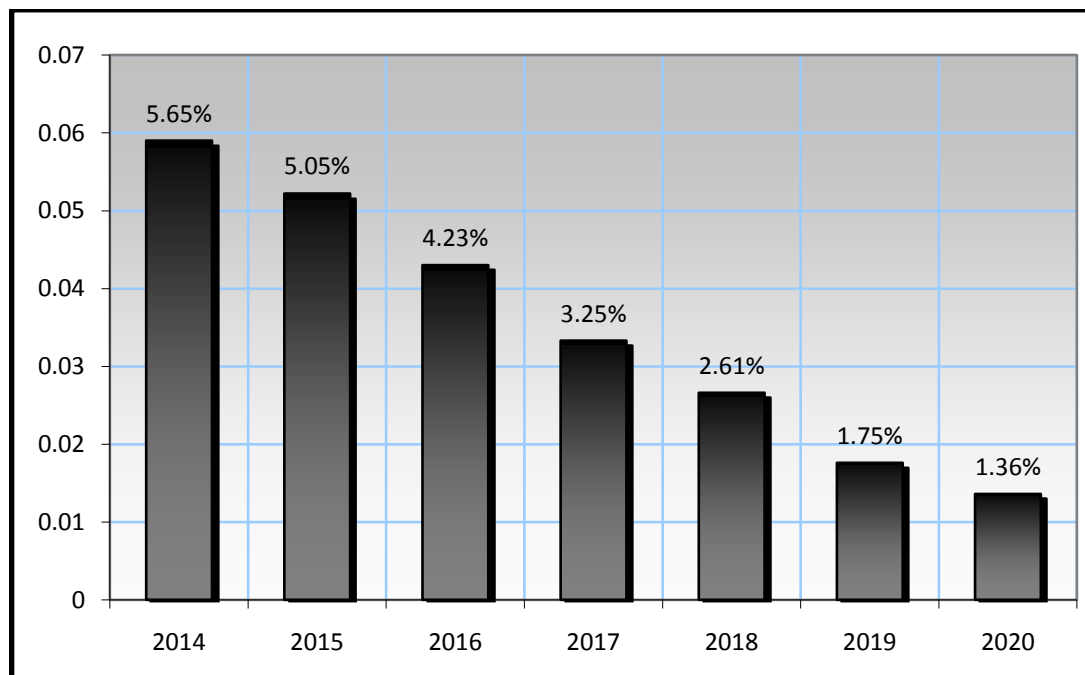
### Number of inspections



### Number of detentions



### Detentions in % of inspections



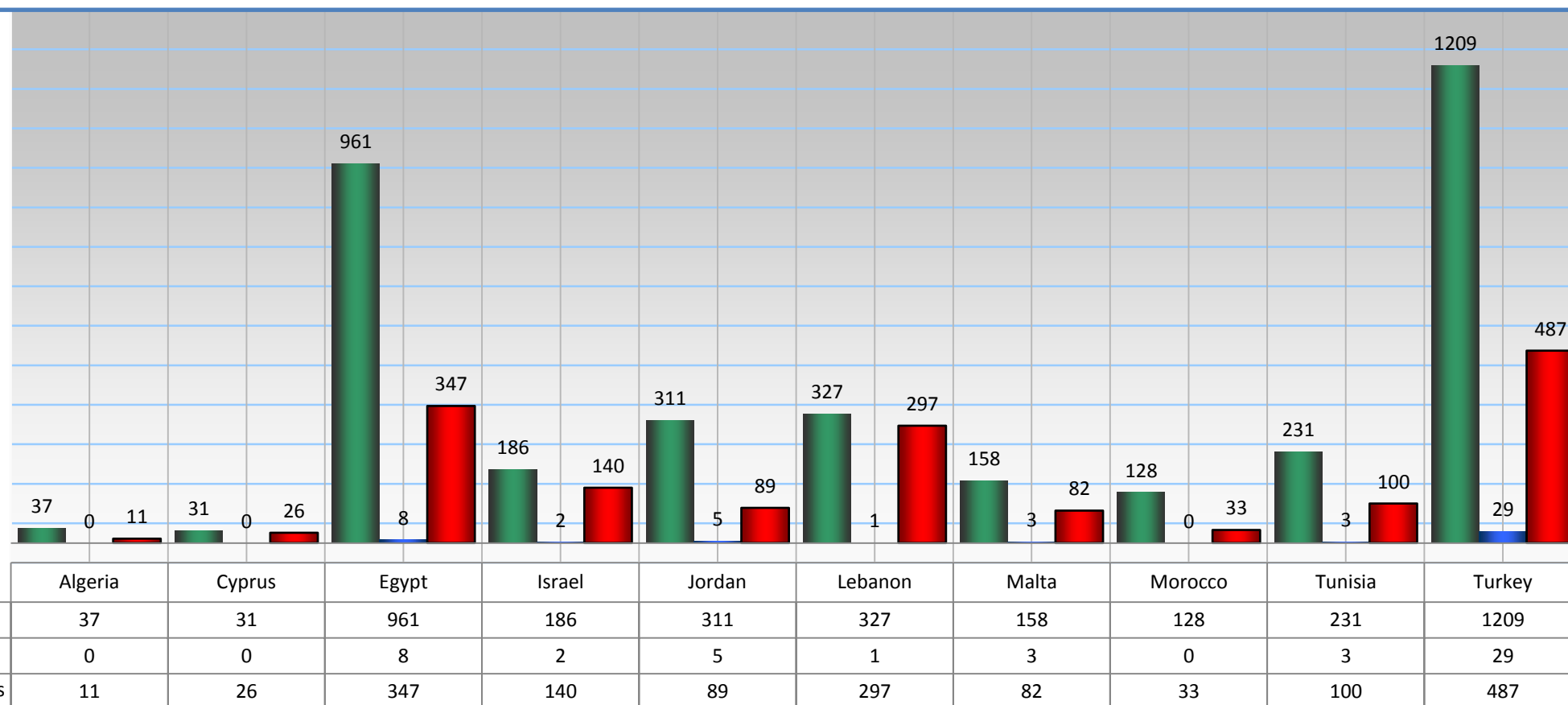
## Statistics Summary

### Summary Inspection/Detention/inspection with deficiencies

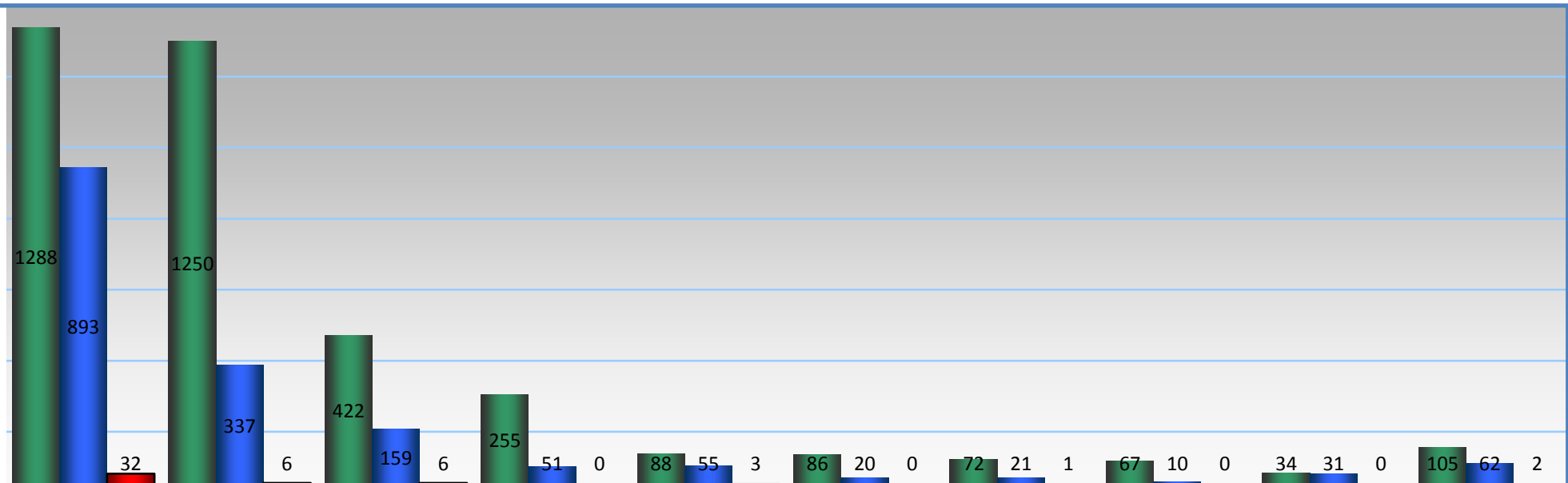
#### Recapitulation of MOU member's inspections: For 2020

PSC State	No. Individual Ships	Inspections	Performance Insp./No. of Ships	Inspections with deficiencies	Inspection without deficiencies	Deficiencies - %	Detentions	Detention- %	Detention with class related Detainable deficiencies
Algeria	4458	37	0.8%	11	26	29.7%	0	0.0%	0
Cyprus	550	31	5.6%	26	5	83.9%	0	0.0%	0
Egypt	3306	961	29.1%	347	614	36.1%	8	0.8%	2
Israel	1416	186	13.1%	140	46	75.3%	2	1.1%	2
Jordan	481	354	73.6%	93	261	26.3%	4	1.1%	1
Lebanon	1938	372	19.2%	319	53	85.7%	1	0.3%	0
Malta	516	158	30.4%	83	75	52.5%	3	1.9%	2
Morocco	3058	128	4.2%	33	95	25.8%	0	0.0%	0
Tunisia	1159	231	19.9%	100	131	43.3%	3	1.3%	0
Turkey	6168	1209	19.6%	487	722	40.3%	29	2.4%	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>23050</b>	<b>3667</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>1639</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>44.7%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>17</b>

**Number of Inspections, Detentions, and Inspections with deficiencies per member state**

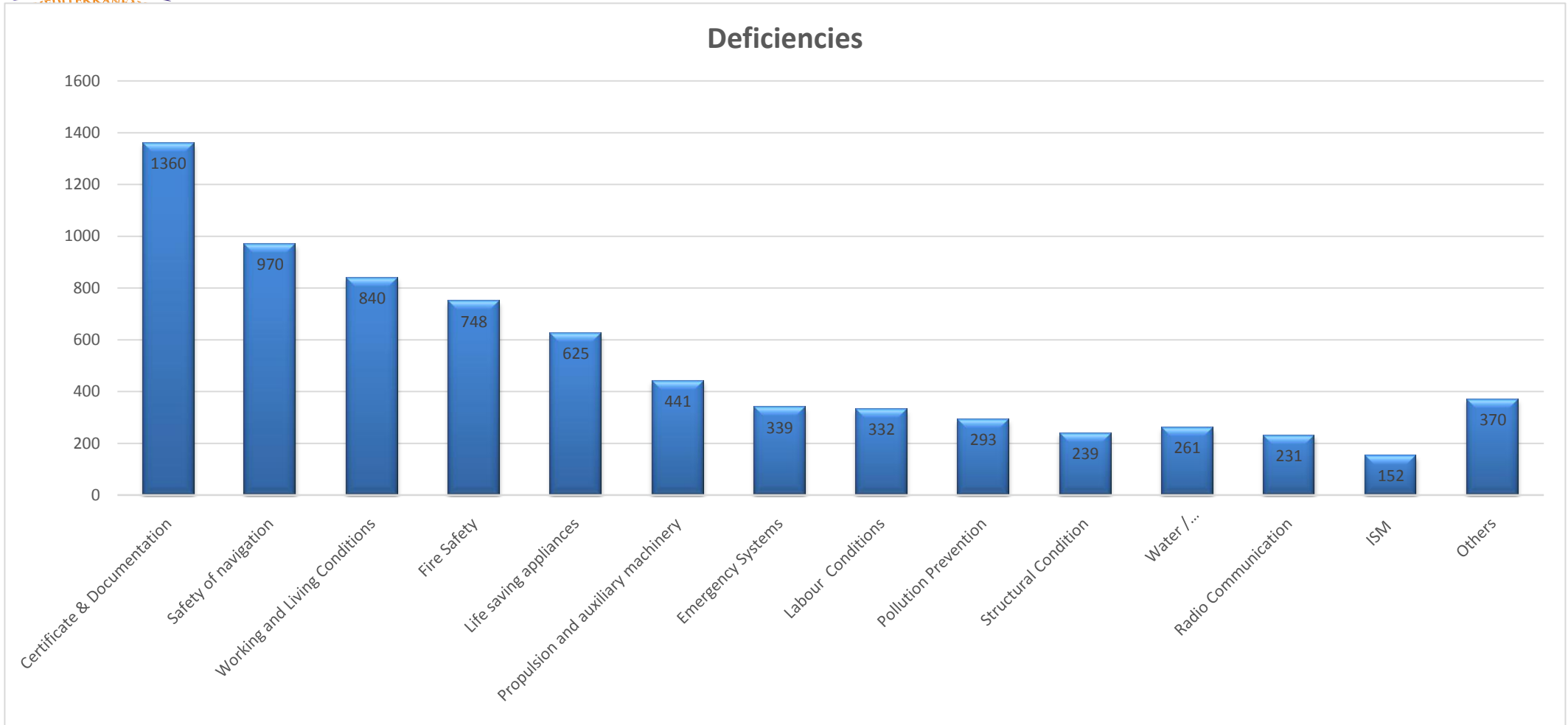


**Number and % of inspection, deficiencies, and detention per ship's type**



	General cargo/multi-purpose ship	Bulk carrier	Containership	Oil tanker	Other special activities	Ro-ro cargo ship	Chemical tanker	Gas carrier	Livestock carrier	Other types of ship
■ Inspection	1288	1250	422	255	88	86	72	67	34	105
■ deficiencies	893	337	159	51	55	20	21	10	31	62
■ detention	32	6	6	0	3	0	1	0	0	2





- These statistics include Deficiencies that had recorded more than 200 times in 2020.

## Detailed annual figures

### Detail inspection/detention/ % per Flag Administration

Flag State	Inspections	Detentions	Inspections with deficiencies	Detention-%	Inspection-% with deficiencies
Afghanistan	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Algeria	2	0	2	0.0%	100.0%
Antigua and Barbuda	97	2	56	2.1%	57.7%
Azerbaijan	7	0	1	0.0%	14.3%
Bahamas	85	0	16	0.0%	18.8%
Bangladesh	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Barbados	40	0	19	0.0%	47.5%
Belgium	6	0	5	0.0%	83.3%
Belize	68	2	41	2.9%	60.3%
Bermuda	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Bulgaria	2	0	1	0.0%	50.0%
Cambodia	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Cameroon	10	1	9	10.0%	90.0%
Cayman Islands	14	0	4	0.0%	28.6%
China, People's Rep. Of	13	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Comoros	73	5	69	6.8%	94.5%
Cook Islands	35	0	22	0.0%	62.9%
Croatia	4	0	1	0.0%	25.0%
Curaçao	8	0	4	0.0%	50.0%
Cyprus	35	0	14	0.0%	40.0%
Denemark	20	0	2	0.0%	10.0%
Djibouti	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Egypt	8	1	4	12.5%	50.0%
Ethiopia	6	0	3	0.0%	50.0%
Faroe Islands	4	0	2	0.0%	50.0%
Finland	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
France	8	0	3	0.0%	37.5%
Gabon	2	0	2	0.0%	100.0%
Georgia	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%

Flag State	Inspections	Detentions	Inspections with deficiencies	Detention-%	Inspection-% with deficiencies
Germany	12	0	1	0.0%	8.3%
Gibraltar	24	0	12	0.0%	50.0%
Greece	34	0	13	0.0%	38.2%
Honduras	6	0	6	0.0%	100.0%
Hong Kong, China	176	0	40	0.0%	22.7%
India	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Ireland	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Isle of Man (GB)	13	0	3	0.0%	23.1%
Israel	2	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Italy	82	1	32	1.2%	39.0%
Jamaica	5	2	4	40.0%	80.0%
Japan	4	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Jordan	2	0	2	0.0%	100.0%
Korea, Republic of	4	0	1	0.0%	25.0%
Kuwait	3	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Latvia	2	0	1	0.0%	50.0%
Lebanon	12	1	9	8.3%	75.0%
Liberia	371	2	108	0.5%	29.1%
Lithuania	5	0	3	0.0%	60.0%
Luxembourg	6	0	1	0.0%	16.7%
Maldives	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Malta	305	1	94	0.3%	30.8%
Marshall Islands	354	0	77	0.0%	21.8%
Moldova, Rep. of	52	1	42	1.9%	80.8%
Mongolia	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Montenegro	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Morocco	4	0	2	0.0%	50.0%
Netherlands	54	0	23	0.0%	42.6%
NIUE	2	0	1	0.0%	50.0%
Norway	33	0	10	0.0%	30.3%
Palau	41	2	33	4.9%	80.5%

Flag State	Inspections	Detentions	Inspections with deficiencies	Detention-%	Inspection-% with deficiencies
Panama	677	14	331	2.1%	48.9%
Philippines	11	0	3	0.0%	27.3%
Portugal	82	1	31	1.2%	37.8%
Russian Federation	129	0	85	0.0%	65.9%
Saint Kitts and Nevis	13	0	9	0.0%	69.2%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	34	2	20	5.9%	58.8%
Saudi Arabia	5	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sierra Leone	82	1	70	1.2%	85.4%
Singapore	121	0	25	0.0%	20.7%
Spain	3	0	2	0.0%	66.7%
Sri Lanka	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sweden	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Switzerland	5	0	1	0.0%	20.0%
Syrian Arab Republic	4	0	4	0.0%	100.0%
Tanzania, United Republic of	35	2	34	5.7%	97.1%
Thailand	5	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Togo	147	7	137	4.8%	93.2%
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Tunisia	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Turkey	66	0	29	0.0%	43.9%
Tuvalu	5	0	4	0.0%	80.0%
Ukraine	7	0	4	0.0%	57.1%
United Kingdom	18	1	9	5.6%	50.0%
United States of America	4	0	1	0.0%	25.0%
UNKNOWN	13	0	11	0.0%	84.6%
Vanuatu	24	1	19	4.2%	79.2%
Viet Nam	3	0	3	0.0%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3667</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1639</b>		

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