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The background of the cover is a blue-tinted photograph of a port facility. In the foreground, a worker wearing a white hard hat and a high-visibility vest is walking towards the right. Behind him are several stacked shipping containers. In the background, there is a complex structure of steel beams, pipes, and walkways, likely part of a ship's deck or a port crane system. The overall scene is industrial and maritime.

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The IMO logo consists of the letters 'IMO' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by a circular emblem containing a globe and the text 'INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION'.

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This publication provides basic guidance to port State control officers (PSCOs) on the conduct of port State control (PSC) inspections, in order to promote consistency in the conduct of inspections worldwide, and to harmonize the criteria for deciding on deficiencies of a ship, its equipment and crew, as well as the application of control procedures.