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Summary

This Technical Information summarizes the result of 8th Session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 8) that was held from the 22 to 26 April 2021, at the IMO headquarters in London.

Information

1. The information provided in this Technical Information are the ones which have high relevance with the work of BKI or considered as an essential information for interested parties.
2. The following agenda are among those discussed during the meeting :

Agenda Item	Topic
3	Safety and Pollution Hazards of Chemicals and Preparation of Consequential Amendments to The IBC Code
4	Review of The 2011 Guidelines for The Control and Management of Ships' Biofouling to Minimize The Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species (Resolution MEPC.207(62))
7	Revision of MARPOL Annex IV and Associated Guidelines to Introduce Provisions for Record-Keeping and Measures to Confirm The Lifetime Performance of Sewage Treatment Plants
8	Follow-Up Work Emanating from The Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter from Ships
11	Any Other Business

3. The Agenda above are several technical issues discussed during the meeting. A brief coverage among the issues are expressed in the attached document.

More info

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BRIEF INFORMATION ON IMO MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (PPR) 8TH SESSION (PPR 8)

A. SAFETY AND POLLUTION HAZARDS OF CHEMICALS AND PREPARATION OF CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE IBC CODE (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Report of ESPH 26

The PPR Sub-Committee considered the report of the Working Group on the Evaluation of Safety and Pollution Hazards of Chemicals (ESPH) 26. The PPR 8 also reviewed the work carried out by ESPH 26 and this following action point were discussed:

- The Sub Committee agreed that GESAMP/EHS 58 would be asked to further review the work to be carried out on the discharge criteria for persistent floaters;
- The Sub-Committee approved the provisional agenda for ESPH 27, which is tentatively scheduled to take place from 11 to 15 October 2021.

The outcome of Outcome of GESAMP/EHS 57 that has been discussed in the meeting:

- The Sub-Committee noted the outcome of the discussions of GESAMP/EHS 57 and that the full report from the meeting, together with the revised GESAMP Composite List, had been disseminated as PPR.1/Circ.8;
- The Sub-Committee noted a comment from the delegation regarding to the request of PPR 7 and MEPC 75 to the GESAMP/EHS Working Group to provide advice on how to best assess mixtures against the new discharge requirement in regulation 13.7.1.4 of MARPOL Annex II;
- The Sub-Committee agreed to request the Secretariat to convey the invitation to the GESAMP/EHS Working Group to start the consideration of this matter at GESAMP/EHS 58.

IBC Code

The Sub-Committee approved the proposal to add a generic entry for "Palm oil mill effluent (POME) technical oil" for inclusion in list 1 of the MEPC.2/Circular with validity for all countries and with no expiry date, subject to the endorsement of MEPC 76.

It is also noted the interventions made by concerned member States emphasizing the need for further consideration of different palm oil grades/variants for establishing hazard profiles and suitable carriage requirements.

B. REVIEW OF THE 2011 GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BIOFOULING TO MINIMIZE THE TRANSFER OF INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES (RESOLUTION MEPC.207(62)) (AGENDA ITEM 4)

Report of the Correspondence Group on Review of the Biofouling Guidelines and related comments under agenda item 4 has been considered in PPR 8. The sub-committee agreed to re-establish the Correspondence Group on Review of the Biofouling Guidelines, under the coordination of Norway to further review and develop a revision of the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species and requested to MEPC 76 to extend the target completion year to 2023. The sub-committee also agreed to instruct the Correspondence Group to consider the comments raised by some delegation on the effective removal and capture of the macrofouling during in-water cleaning and difficulties in checking the presence of remaining biofouling, especially microfouling, following hull cleaning.

C. REVISION OF MARPOL ANNEX IV AND ASSOCIATED GUIDELINES TO INTRODUCE PROVISIONS FOR RECORD-KEEPING AND MEASURES TO CONFIRM THE LIFETIME PERFORMANCE OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS ((AGENDA ITEM 7)

The sub-committee noted the progress made by the Correspondence Group. The Sub-Committee agreed to re-establish the Correspondence Group on Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV and Associated Guidelines with this following terms of reference:

1. further develop the draft amendments to MARPOL Annex IV;
2. develop draft amendments to the 2012 Guidelines on implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants ;
3. review the scope of application of the draft amendments to MARPOL Annex IV to new and existing ships, including draft appendix II, taking into account the general principle that ships should not be unduly penalized;
4. identify the relevance for amending the Recommendation on standards for the rate of discharge of untreated sewage from ships (resolution MEPC 157(55)) for discharge rate of sewage sludge;
5. review the need to provide adequate port reception facilities;
6. further review the draft amendments to MARPOL Annex IV taking into consideration the amendments to associated guidelines;
7. report submission into PPR 9.

D. FOLLOW-UP WORK EMANATING FROM THE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS MARINE PLASTIC LITTER FROM SHIPS (AGENDA ITEM 8)

The sub-committee agreed to the following draft MEPC circulars with a view to subsequent approval by MEPC 76:

1. Provision of adequate facilities at ports and terminals for the reception of plastic waste from ships and encourage Member State to provide adequate port reception facilities as required by regulation 8 of MARPOL Annex V;
2. Undertaking of studies by member States and international organizations to better understand micro plastics from ships and to share the results of any research conducted on marine litter.

PPR 8 agreed to send the papers for this agenda item to PPR 9 for further consideration. The comprehensive review of the report of the correspondence group, including the development of the draft MARPOL Annex V amendments, along with a draft skeleton text of the associated draft MEPC resolution are to be completed at PPR 9. A non-exhaustive list of the functionalities for the proposed new GISIS module on reporting of loss or discharge of fishing gear, and draft terms of reference for a proposed working group were also considered.

PPR 8 agreed to establish a working group to progress this work at PPR 9 (for developing the draft amendments to MARPOL Annex V and draft amendments to the 2017 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V (Resolution MEPC.295 (71))). The sub-committee has requested MEPC 76 to extend the target completion year of this output 2023.

E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEM 11)

Development of a standard for verification of ballast water compliance monitoring systems (CMDs)

Discussion on the development of a standard for verification of ballast water compliance monitoring systems (CMDs) to revise protocol for verification of ballast water compliance monitoring devices. The sub-committee established the Correspondence Group on Development of a Protocol for Verification of Ballast Water Compliance Monitoring Devices, under the coordination of the United Kingdom to prepare an updated draft protocol for verification of ballast water compliance monitoring devices, using document PPR 8/11 as the basis, and taking into account the comments and proposals in documents PPR 8/11/1 and PPR 8/11/2 and submit a report to PPR 9.