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Summary

This Technical Information summarizes the result of 3rd Session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instrument (III 3) that was held from the 18 to 22 July 2016, at the IMO headquarters in London.

Information

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The following agenda are among those discussed during the meeting:

Agenda Number	Topic
2	Decision of other IMO Bodies
3	Consideration and Analysis of Reports on Alleged Inadequacy of Port Reception Facilities
4	Lessons Learned and Safety Issues Identified from the Analysis of Marine Safety Investigation Reports
5	Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide
8	Updated Survey Guidelines Under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)
9	Non-Exhaustive List of Obligations under Instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)

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

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BRIEF INFORMATION ON IMO MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO INSTRUMENTS 3RD SESSION (III 3)

A. DECISION OF OTHER BODIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)

The Sub-Committee, in its deliberations and discussion, took into account the relevant decisions and comments made by MSC 95 & 96, MEPC 69, Council 114, Assembly 29, Sub-Committees (SDC 3, HTW 3, NCSR 3, and SSE 3) and FAL 40.

The considerations were given to the following agenda:

1. Agenda item 4 regarding lesson learned from the analysis of marine safety investigation reports
2. Agenda item 5 regarding port state control activities and procedures
3. Agenda item 8 regarding amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, IV and VI.

B. CONSIDERATION AND ANALYSIS OF REPORTS ON ALLEGED INADEQUACY OF PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Availability of adequate port reception facilities is an essential part to ensure the compliance with discharge requirements of MARPOL by ships, especially within special areas. Therefore, the Sub-Committee urges the Government of each party to report to IMO, for transmission to the parties concerned, of all cases where the facilities are alleged to be inadequate.

Based on the submitted reports, the Sub-Committee noted the difficulties faced by the bulk carrier industry with regard to the availability of port reception facilities (PRF) for cargo residues and hold washings deemed harmful to the marine environment (HME), as required by MARPOL Annex V.

After the discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed that item G under "MARPOL Annex V-related" in the table of Appendix 1 to circular MEPC.1/Circ. 834 on Consolidated guidance for port reception facility providers and users, should be made specific for HME cargo residues and hold washings and, consequentially, the remaining three waste types that include cargo residues that are not HME are retained as separate categories.

The Sub-Committee requested the IMO Secretariat to submit the amendments of aforementioned circular to MEPC for approval.

C. LESSONS LEARNED AND SAFETY ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF MARINE SAFETY INVESTIGATION REPORTS (AGENDA ITEM 4)

MSC 96 instructed the Sub-Committee to consider the feasibility and merits of the identification of typical accidents and lessons learned that might be used for seafarers' training and education, under this agenda item and to report to MSC 97.

In doing so, the Sub-Committee requested the IMO Secretariat to make future marine safety investigation reports public, by default, while allowing reporting States to amend the release status of their own reports. Regarding existing reports, the Sub-Committee agreed to retain the current status of the reports until the next session of the Sub-Committee in order to allow for their review by the corresponding reporting States, prior to their release to the public.

D. MEASURES TO HARMONIZE PORT STATE CONTROL (PSC) ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES WORLDWIDE (AGENDA ITEM 5)

Under this agenda, the Sub-Committee established Working Group on Measures to Harmonize Port State Control (PSC) Activities and Procedures Worldwide to consider and develop, if possible, the following matters:

- a. Draft amendments to resolution A.1052 (27) on Procedures for port State control, 2011
- b. The proposal of draft amendments to resolution MEPC.181(59) on 2009 Guidelines for port State control under the revised MARPOL Annex VI.
- c. Draft amendments to the main body of the draft Guidelines for Port State Control Officers on certification of seafarers, hours of rest and manning.

The draft amendments to resolution A.1052 (27) are aimed to promote wider acceptance of electronic certificates. However, due to time constraints, these amendments were unable to be completed in this session. Therefore, the draft amendments will be referred to III 4 for further discussion and consideration.

While, the proposed draft amendments to resolution MEPC.181(59) are aimed to include regulations on energy efficiency for ships in the Guidelines. After in-depth discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed to refer the proposed draft to MEPC for further instruction on the coordinating role of the Sub-Committee and associated technical review by the PPR Sub-Committee.

Furthermore, the Sub-Committee also agreed to recommend to MSC 97 to request HTW 4 to continue the work on draft Guidelines for Port State Control Officers on certification of seafarers, hours of rest and manning, and refer their outcomes to III 4 for finalization.

In addition, the Sub-Committee also noted the annual and progress reports of the PSC regimes and the outcomes of concentrated inspection campaigns (CICs).

E. UPDATED SURVEY GUIDELINES UNDER THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION (HSSC) (AGENDA ITEM 8)

The draft amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, IV and VI, and the associated draft MEPC circular, had been concurred by MEPC 69. These amendments will allow exemption of MARPOL Annex I, IV, and VI to UNSP barges, provided that the barge:

1. is not propelled by mechanical means;
2. carries no oil (as defined in regulation 1.1 of MARPOL Annex I) in bulk;
3. has no machinery installed that may generate oil residues;
4. has no fuel oil tank, lubricating oil tank and bilge/oil residues tank; and .
5. has undergone a survey to confirm that conditions of 1 to 4 are met.

Following the decision taken at MEPC 69, The Committee instructed III 3 to finalize the draft MARPOL amendments concerning the exemption of UNSP barges from MARPOL survey and certification requirements and the associated draft guidelines by taking into account the outcomes of MEPC 69.

Consequently, the Sub-Committee established a Drafting Group under agenda item 9 to finalize the draft amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, IV and VI concerning the exemption of UNSP and to finalize

also the associated draft MEPC circular on guidelines for exemption of unmanned non-self-propelled barges from the survey and certification requirements under the MARPOL Convention.

Due to time constraint and the need to further consider several issues on developing draft amendments to MARPOL Annex I, IV and VI, the Drafting Group proposed to establish Correspondence Group to develop the aforementioned draft amendments and associated draft Guidelines.

F. NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER INSTRUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE IMO INSTRUMENTS IMPLEMENTATION CODE (III CODE) (AGENDA ITEM 9)

The Exemption of UNSP barges from the survey and certification requirements under the MARPOL Convention.

Taking into account the proposal made by the Drafting Group, the Sub-Committee agreed to establish Correspondence Group to develop draft amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, IV and VI, together with the associated draft Guidelines for exemption of unmanned non-self-propelled (UNSP) barges from the survey and certification requirements under the MARPOL Convention, taking into account following recommendations:

1. the exemption certificates for UNSP barges should be a part of the individual MARPOL Annexes I, IV and VI rather than as appendices to a MEPC circular;
2. the draft form of exemption certificates as an appendix to the individual MARPOL Annexes I, IV and VI should be refined and be compatible with the individual MARPOL Annexes I, IV and VI;
3. the issue regarding definitions or identification of UNSP barges should to be further considered.

Furthermore, the Sub-Committee instructed the Correspondence Group to submit the final draft amendments to MEPC 70 for approval pending adoption.

Amendments to the Survey Guidelines under the harmonized system of survey and certification (HSSC), 2015 (resolution A.1104(29))

The Sub-Committee also established the Correspondence Group to develop continue to develop draft amendments to the *Survey Guidelines under the harmonized system of survey and certification (HSSC), 2015* (resolution A.1104(29)), deriving from:

1. the amendments to the relevant mandatory instruments due to enter into force up to and including 31 December 2017; and
2. outcomes of future sessions of the MSC and the MEPC as appropriate.

The draft amendments will be finalized by III 4 with a view to submission to Assembly 30 for adoption.