



Briefings of IMO Meeting

III 5 (24 -28 Sep. 2018)

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Subject: Newsflash of III 5

The Sub-committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments was held its 5th session (hereinafter 'III 5') from 24th to 28th Sep. 2018. Please be informed the main and summarized outputs of III 5.

1. Measures to harmonize Port State Control activities and procedures worldwide (Agenda 5)

- The draft amendments to the Procedures for Port State Control 2017(Res.A.1119(30)) with a view to adoption at Assembly 31 were considered, of which the resolution is intended to provide basic guidance on the port State control inspections in order to provide consistency in the conduct of these inspections and the recognition of deficiencies of a ship, equipment or crew. Intersessional correspondence group was re-established for further consideration of draft wording.
- ECDIS
 - NCSR 3 had agreed to extend the deadline for updating the display and testing standards S-52, S-57, S-63 and S-64 from 1 Sep. 2016 to 1 Sep. 2017. But, it was identified that some manufacturers have been unable to provide the updates within timeframe
 - In this regard, III 4(2017) agreed to extend the deadline for updating ECDIS taking into account the industrial burden and issued III.2/Circ document stipulating that PSCOs should check whether relevant documentation has been issued by the flag Administration, and in the absence of flag State's documentation, the PSCOs should consult with the flag State accordingly



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- It was then reported to NCSR 5 and MSC 99 that problems for updating was resolved. The III.2/Circ was revoked by MSC 99 as of 1st July 2018.

2. Updated survey guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) (Agenda 8)

- Updates of HSSC survey guidelines
 - III 5 considered the report of the Correspondence Group on the Review of the Survey Guidelines under the HSSC and the Non-exhaustive list of obligations, and finalized draft survey guidelines with a view to adoption at IMO Assembly 31 as follows:
 - i. Updates for Non-exhaustive list of obligations under Instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code(Res.A.1121(30)); and
 - ii. Amendments to the survey guidelines under the HSSC (Res.A.1120(30))
- Unmanned, Non-self-propelled barges
 - III 3(2016) finalized the draft amendments to MARPOL Annex I, IV and VI and associated guidelines for the exemption of UNSP barges from the survey and certification requirements of the MARPOL Convention noting the decisions taken from MEPC 69 that:
 - i. Any exemption should be limited to no more than 5 years;
 - ii. Exemption certificates should be provided under individual MARPOL annexes;
 - iii. MARPOL Annex IV should be included in the exemption from survey and certification requirements;



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- iv. The reference to regulation 17.1 of MARPOL Annex I regarding the Oil Record Book should be retained;
 - v. The draft guidelines, once approved by the MEPC, should be issued as an MEPC Circular
- III 5 agreed with draft amendments to MARPOL Annex I, IV and VI, and associated guidelines for the exemption of UNSP barges from survey and certification requirements under MARPOL, and tasked the Correspondence Group to further consider the following issues and report the process to MEPC 74:
1. the issue regarding unified definition for different definitions of UNSP barges under different annexes of MARPOL; and
 2. the issue in relation to the exemption of UNSP barges from relevant technical and operational requirements of MARPOL annexes
- Measurements of the rudder bearing clearances during In Water Survey
- In accordance with current HSSC survey guidelines, rudder bearing clearance for passenger ships at the renewal survey need not be taken at the IWS whereas this is not the case for cargo ships
 - In this regard, III 4 considered a proposal to align the requirements by waiving the requirement to take rudder bearing clearances on cargo ships. However, concerns for safety and credibility of executing in-water surveys, and vessels with such design that does not comply with in-water surveys were raised, followed by same concerns from the sub-committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) which led III 5 to decide to reject the proposal.



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- Survey guidelines for BWM Convention
 - Taking into account that there are three different versions of Guidelines (G8) for validation of the compliance of individual BWMS with regulation D-2, III 5 agreed to tasking the intersessional Correspondence Group to further study this matter for consideration at III 6(2019) due to lack of time at this year's conference

3. Inadequacy of port reception facilities (Agenda 3)

- Review of reports on port reception facilities
 - III 4 considered reports relating to the availability of port reception facilities for cargo residues classified harmful to the marine environment and cargo hold wash water containing such residues, and proposal to improve the availability of port reception facilities. After consideration, III 4 urged member States to report any alleged inadequacies as required under MARPOL and requested the IMO Secretariat to report in the progress made on the updating of the GISIS PRF module to III 5
 - The Secretariat introduced Inadequacy of port reception facilities reports from delegations and asked for proper reaction along with implementation of conventional obligations.



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4. Casualty Investigation (Agenda 4)

- Lessons Learned and Safety issues identified from the analysis of marine safety Investigation reports
- III 5 considered the report of Correspondence Group on Casualty Analysis and approved draft Lessons Learned. –The end-

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