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## Subject: Newsflash of III 6

The 6<sup>th</sup> session of Sub-committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (hereinafter 'III 6') was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Please be informed of the following summarized outputs of III 6.

### 1. Inadequacy of port reception facilities (Agenda 3)

- Review of reports on Port Reception Facilities (PRF)
  - Member states were given access to GISIS PRF module as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 to report inadequacy of port reception facilities to IMO, and submit investigation results to registered reports.
  - In order to ensure the smooth follow-up of reports of port facilities in the future, measures such as spotlighting subject ports on GISIS is to be prepared.

### 2. Casualty Investigation (Agenda 4)

- Lessons Learned and Safety issues identified from the analysis of marine safety Investigation reports
  - III 6 considered the report of Correspondence Group on Casualty Analysis and approved Lessons Learned.
  - The investigation report of Marshall Islands on M/V Stellar Daisy was considered for Lessons Learned and Safety issues to be reported to 102nd session of MSC committee. Marshall Islands reported their intention to make appropriate proposals to MSC 102, addressing the recommendations in the report related to IMO instruments.

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

- The amendments to the Procedures for Port State Control 2019 were considered and completed with a view to adoption at Assembly 31.
  - Application regarding Electronic Record Books is to be reconsidered after consideration of MEPC 75 and PPR 7
  - Member states agreed on the necessity of uniform training manual during inspection and submitted working plans to MEPC 75 and MSC 102 for approval.



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

- Updates of HSSC survey guidelines
  - III 6 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 drafts for the survey guidelines and the list with a view to adoption at IMO Assembly 31
- Unmanned, Non-self-propelled (UNSP) 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;
    - 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 6 agreed on draft amendments to MAPROL Annex I, IV and VI and associated guidelines for the exemption of UNSP barges from survey and certification requirements under MARPOL, with consideration to the following issues, and reported the result to MEPC 75:
    - 1. In addition to the exemption from survey and certification requirements, it was stipulated in the Guidelines that technical and operational requirements are not applicable to UNSP barges; and
    - 2. For an amendment relating to the invalidity of exemption certificate, it was agreed to remove the text in the draft amendments given that it would lead to contravention with the current well-established practice in the IMO Conventions



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- Regulations regarding ship-owners' obligation to maintain validity of exemption certificate and to report invalidity to Administration were added as amendments to Annexes and related Guideline.
  - Survey guidelines for BWM Convention
    - III 6 finalized draft amendments to HSSC survey guidelines for BWM Convention as follows:
      - .1 confirming that the BWMS installed on or after 28 October 2020 are approved in accordance with BWMS Code, and the BWMS installed before 28 October 2020 are approved in accordance with Res.MEPC.125(53), Res.MEPC.174(58) or Res.MEPC.279(90), as applicable; and
      - .2 verifying that an operational test of the BWMS was carried out based on the installation of commissioning procedures and that documented evidence is provided which shows compliance of the treated discharge ballast water with regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention taking into account BWM.2/Circ.70.
    - III 6 completed draft amendments to HSSC survey guideline taking into account that there are three different versions of Guidelines for approval of BWMS (G8), as per Res.MEPC.125(53), Res.MEPC.174(58), and Res.MEPC.279(70).
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