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Subject : News flash of NCSR1

The Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) held its first session at IMO HQ from 30 June to 4 July 2014. In this regard, please be informed of the main issues and summary of NCSR 1 as below.

In reviewing this flash, readers should be assured that the outputs written herein are not legally effective until they are adopted as mandatory instruments by MSC.

1. Development of an e-navigation Strategy Implementation Plan (SIP, Strategy Implementation Plan)

The Sub-Committee agreed to submit the a draft of SIP containing the development and future implementation of e-navigation for adoption by MSC 94, and it is expected that the future work plan and follow-up action on e-navigation will be discussed at MSC 94.

2. Approval of the draft outline of the detailed review for GMDSS

The Sub-Committee endorsed the draft outline which identify the review items on ten functional requirements of GMDSS for the detailed review on Modernized GMDSS, and agreed the establishment of the intersessional Correspondence Group.

Accordingly, Correspondence Group is instructed to discuss further based on the approved outline and to report to NCSR 2 after reviewing by Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group.

3. Development of a mandatory code for the ships operating in Polar water

Further consideration and modification regarding chapters 9 and 10 of the draft Polar code was done by working groups at NCSR 1, and Sub-Committee agreed to submit chapters 9 and 10 of the draft Polar code for adoption by MSC 94 along with the draft Polar code (except chapter 9 and 10) and associated draft new SOLAS chapter XIV which were already approved by MSC 93.

4. IACS Unified Interpretation



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.1 Pilot transfer arrangements (SOLAS regulation V/23.3.3)

The Sub-Committee agreed to submit a draft of Unified Interpretation (MSC Circular) regarding the applicability of an adverse list of 15° to Pilot transfer arrangements (pilot ladder or accommodation ladder) which required by SOLAS regulation V/23.3.3. (i.e Some ICAS members have not considered an adverse list of 15° to Pilot transfer arrangements. According to the Unified Interpretation, a combination pilot/accommodation ladder arrangement shall be provided in case the height from the point of egress to the waterline is exceeds 9 meters as a result of considering an adverse list of 15°)

.2 Completion of Convention certificate according to the scenarios where ECDIS and/or nautical charts are provided onboard

The Sub-Committee agreed to submit a draft of Unified Interpretation (MSC Circular) regarding the completion of Convention certificate(Form E, Form P 및 C) according to the scenario where ECDIS and/or Nautical charts are provided onboard.

According to the Unified Interpretation, using the paper charts as the primary means of navigation may be acceptable even these paper charts are provided as back-up arrangements for ECDIS. <End>

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