



Briefings of IMO Meeting

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Subject: Newsflash of PPR 2

The Subcommittee on Pollution Prevention and Response (hereinafter 'PPR') held its 2nd session from 19th to 23th Jan. 2015. Bearing in mind that the decisions of this Session are not legally effective until they are adopted as mandatory by MEPC, please consider the contents, the main and summarized outputs of PPR 2, herein as informative only.

1. Review of the amended MARPOL Annex VI and NTC 2008

The Sub-Committee agreed to the draft amendments to the NOX Technical Code 2008, concerning testing of gas-fuelled engine and dual fuel engines for NOX Tier III strategy, for submission to MEPC 68, with a view to approval and subsequent adoption => The draft is expected to be effective from 2017

2. Evaluation of safety and pollution hazard of Chemicals

The Sub-committee agreed that the draft text of chapter 21 of the IBC Code should be revised, taking into account the information contained in document PPR 2/3/8 (Germany), highlighting a number of inconsistencies between the revised chapter 21 of the IBC Code, the principles of the UN Globally Harmonized System and the new edition of the GESAMP Reports and Series No. 64 (Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure for Chemical Substances Carried by Ships, 2nd Edition)*, which has just recently been published.

Amendments to chapter 21 of the Code is expected to be adopted in 2017 and consequently effective in 2018.

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3. Development of Draft for OSV Chemical code

Considering a number of delegations expressed their preference of document PPR 2/4/1 suggesting alternative text for chapter 16 to the draft made by the intersessional correspondence group established by PPR 1, the Sub-Committee agreed to re-established correspondence group which was instructed to finalize draft text of the Code, on the basis of the document PPR 2/4/1 and outcome of SDC 2 and SSE 2 concerning the development of the relevant chapters of the draft Code. => **Expected to complete the draft in 2016.**

4. BWM Convention – Clarity of A-3(exceptions) & A-4 (exemptions)

Following discussion on the issues concerning regulations A-3 (exceptions) and A-4 (exemptions) of the BWM Convention and the associated Guidelines for risk assessment under regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention (G7) (resolution MEPC.167(56)), the Sub-Committee, having agreed that further discussion was needed with a view to clarifying their application in the context of exceptions and exemptions under the BWM Convention, invited MEPC 68 to consider the views expressed in PPR 2 and advise on any follow-up actions deemed appropriate.

5. Emission of Black Carbon from international shipping

In spite of the lengthy discussion on the technical definition of BC and appropriate methods for measuring BC, the Sub-committee was not able to finalize them but mainly noted that the Bond et al. definition should be recommended to MEPC for approval as the definition of Black Carbon for international shipping, for the primary reason that this definition is measurement method neutral, and further is widely supported by the scientific community.



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6. Unified Interpretation of 'disposal of cooking oil'

While a number of other delegations expressed the view that disposing of cooking oil via a ship's oil residue (sludge tank) is the most pragmatic and environment-friendly solution, the Sub-Committee agreed that the disposal of used cooking oil should comply with the requirements in MARPOL Annex V. Consequently, the Sub-Committee invited MEPC 68 to note this outcome of its consideration on the matter.

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