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**STABILITY AND LOAD LINES AND FISHING VESSELS SAFETY**

**Report of the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**SUMMARY**

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The Committee is invited to take action on matters emanating from SLF 55
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 55
<i>High-level action:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 55
<i>Planned output:</i>	As specified in documents considered by SLF 55
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraphs 2 and 3
<i>Related document:</i>	SLF 55/17

1 The Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) held its fifty-fifth session from 18 to 22 February 2013 and its report on that session has been circulated under the symbol SLF 55/17.

2 The Committee is invited to:

- .1 adopt the draft MSC resolution on Revised Recommendation on a standard method for evaluating cross-flooding arrangements, and note that calculations to evaluate cross-flooding arrangements performed before the adoption of the Revised Recommendation remain valid, and calculations for ships constructed on or after the date of the adoption of the Revised Recommendation, the latter should be followed (paragraph 4.9 and annex 1)\*;
- .2 approve the draft MSC circular on *Guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers* (paragraph 5.7 and annex 2);
- .3 approve the draft amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) with a view to adoption at MSC 93 (paragraph 6.9 and annex 4);

\* References hereunder are to paragraphs of and annexes to the report of SLF 55 (SLF 55/17).

- .4 approve the draft amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code), with a view to adoption at MSC 93 (paragraph 6.10 and annex 5);
- .5 approve the draft amendments to the Code for Existing Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (EGC Code), with a view to adoption at MSC 93 (paragraph 6.11 and annex 6);
- .6 approve the draft amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (GC Code), with a view to adoption at MSC 93 (paragraph 6.12 and annex 7);
- .7 approve the draft amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code), with a view to adoption at MSC 93 (paragraph 6.13 and annex 8);
- .8 approve the draft amendments to the *Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2011* (resolution A.1053(27)), with a view to subsequent adoption, for referral to the FSI Sub-Committee for inclusion in the appropriate revision of the HSSC Guidelines once the associated amendments to mandatory instruments have entered into force (paragraph 6.14 and annex 9);
- .9 consider the referral of the EMSA and GOALDS research related to survivability level of passenger ships after damage to the FSA Experts Group, and take action as appropriate (paragraphs 8.12 to 8.15);
- .10 approve the draft Assembly resolution on Use of national tonnage in applying international conventions, with a view to adoption at A 28 (paragraph 9.12 and annex 10);
- .11 note that matters related to the proposed text of chapters 3 and 4 of the draft Polar Code were forwarded to the IS and SDS Correspondence Groups for further consideration and reporting to SLF 56 (paragraph 13.6);
- .12 adopt the draft MSC resolution on Performance standards for electronic inclinometers (paragraph 16.3 and annex 14);
- .13 adopt the draft MSC resolution on Procedure for calculating the number of fishing vessels of each Contracting State to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977, by the Depositary (paragraph 16.10 and annex 15);
- .14 endorse the action taken by the Sub-Committee on matters related to a proposed damage stability standard for OSVs carrying limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk, and note the text referred to BLG 18 for consideration (paragraph 16.14 and annex 16);
- .15 note that due to time constraints the SDS Working Group did not consider matters related to appropriate risk-based distance criteria for gas fuel tanks providing appropriate collision protection, which was referred to the Sub-Committee by BLG 16 and BLG 17; and also note that the Sub-Committee invited Member Governments and international organizations to submit comments and proposal on this matter to SLF 56 (paragraph 16.18);

- .16 consider the proposed modifications to sections 2.2 to 2.7 of chapter 2 of the draft IGC Code, in conjunction with the approval of the draft revised IGC Code (paragraph 16.21 and annex 17); and
- .17 approve the report in general.

**Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for SLF 55**

3 The Committee is also invited to approve the biennial agenda of the Sub-Committee for the 2014-2015 biennium (paragraph 14.2 and annex 11); approve the draft provisional agenda for SLF 56 (paragraph 14.2 and annex 12); and note the report on the status of the Sub-Committee's planned outputs in the High-level Action Plan for the current biennium (paragraph 14.5 and annex 13), under agenda item 23 (Work programme).

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