



SUB-COMMITTEE ON STABILITY AND
LOAD LINES AND ON FISHING
VESSELS SAFETY - 38th session

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the Secretariat

1 Action the Sub-Committee will be invited to take on substantive items on its agenda is summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

Agenda item 3 - Intact stability

2 The Sub-Committee will be invited to proceed with the development of the draft guidance to the master for avoiding dangerous situations in following and quartering seas, on the basis of decisions specified in paragraph 3.12 of SLF 37/25 and taking into account comments and proposals submitted to the session.

3 As instructed by MEPC 34 (MEPC 34/23, paragraph 8.10), the Sub-Committee will consider possible stability problems in the operation of tankers having full width cargo tanks, as outlined in document MEPC 34/7/10*.

4 The Sub-Committee may also give consideration to issues identified in paragraph 3.14 of SLF 37/25 for future improvement of the Intact Stability Code, subject to comments and proposals submitted to the session.

Agenda item 4 - Subdivision and damage stability of passenger ships

5 The Sub-Committee will be invited to instruct its ad hoc working group on subdivision and damage stability (SDS group) to develop, as a matter of priority, requirements for the application of the SOLAS 90 standard to existing passenger ships other than ro-ro ships, with due regard being given to a draft calculation procedure to assess survivability characteristics of ships (SLF 38/4) and to results of calculations collated by Sweden, and finalize draft interpretations of provisions of both resolution MSC.26(60) and MSC/Circ.574 specified in SLF 38/4/1.

* Delegates are requested to bring their copies of the document to the session. A limited number of copies will be made available during the session.

6 The Sub-Committee will also be invited to instruct the SDS group to continue consideration of the following issues which were dealt with by the Sub-Committee at its thirty-seventh session:

- .1 interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-1 regulations 6.5.2, 8.5 and 8.7;
- .2 alteration or modification of a major character; and
- .3 maximum number of passengers permitted to be carried on one-compartment standard ships.

Agenda item 5 - Harmonization of damage stability provisions in IMO instruments

7 The Sub-Committee will be invited to instruct the SDS group to continue its work on the harmonization of damage stability provisions in IMO instruments, based on the probabilistic method, in the light of the discussion outlined in section 5 of SLF 37/25. The group is expected to further pursue its work on the development of subdivision and damage stability requirements for dry cargo ships of less than 100 metres in length.

8 The Sub-Committee will also be invited to agree to a draft circular on interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-1 part B-1 regulations (SLF 38/5), which were agreed by the Sub-Committee at its thirty-seventh session, for approval by the MSC.

Agenda item 6 - Analysis of damage cards

9 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider documents SLF 38/6 and SLF 38/INF.3 and further information on casualties submitted to the session and take action as appropriate.

Agenda item 7 - Analysis of fishing vessel and fishermen casualty statistics

10 The Sub-Committee will be informed of the decisions by the FSI Sub-Committee at the first session, regarding its work on casualty statistics and investigations (SLF 38/2, paragraph 2.4) and invited to decide on further action.

Agenda item 8 - Revision of technical regulations of the 1966 LL Convention

11 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the outcome of the work of correspondence groups on review of requirements for conventional ships and on the establishment of requirements for novel type vessels established by SLF 37 to progress its work on the subject and, as decided at the thirty-seventh session (SLF 37/25, paragraph 22.6.2), to convene its ad hoc working group to continue the work on revision of technical regulations of the 1966 LL Convention.

Agenda item 9 - Small fishing vessel safety and training guidelines

12 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider a proposal by the Secretariat (SLF 38/9) regarding revision of part B of the Code of Safety for Fishermen and Fishing Vessels and the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design, Construction and Equipment of Small Fishing Vessels and to decide on further action to be taken on the matter, bearing in mind the Sub-Committee's opinion that respective chapters of the Code and the Guidelines should be reviewed by relevant sub-committees.

Agenda item 10 - Amendments to, and interpretations of, tonnage measurement requirements

13 As instructed by MSC 62, the Sub-Committee will consider, as a matter of high priority, the problem raised by the United Kingdom in document MSC 62/INF.7* and prepare draft guidelines on how to proceed in respect of ships which have not been remeasured by the end of the period of grace (18 July 1994).

14 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the report of the correspondence group which was instructed to deal with matters referred to in paragraphs 12.12 and 12.14 of SLF 37/25 as well as the development of a combined TM circular on the interpretations of tonnage measurement requirements, referred to in paragraph 12.3.7 of SLF 37/25.

Agenda item 11 - Hull structural integrity of tankers and bulk carriers

15 Pursuant to the outcome of the discussion on the issue at its previous session, the Sub-Committee will be invited to further consider the subject having regard to relevant decisions taken by BC 32 and DE 36 (SLF 38/2, paragraph 2.8) and to any comments and views by Members which may be submitted to this session.

Agenda item 12 - Review of existing ships' safety standards

16 The Sub-Committee will be invited to continue the review of regulations of IMO instruments under the purview of the Sub-Committee where the expression "at the discretion of the Administration" or similar wording appear (SLF 37/16, annex), following any submissions on the matter and taking into consideration the request of the MSC to consider, when discussing new requirements applicable to new ships, ways and means to improve the requirements for existing ships, with a view to reducing the safety gap between new and existing ships and by providing an equivalent level of safety.

17 The Sub-Committee may further discuss any interpretation on exemption originating from the nature and conditions of intended voyages as called for in paragraphs 16.2 and 16.4 of SLF 36/25.

Agenda item 13 - Review of hypothetical oil outflow parameters

18 With reference to the instruction of MSC 60 to give a high priority to the subject, the Sub-Committee will be invited to further investigate hypothetical oil outflow parameters in regulations 22 to 24 of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78 with due regard being given to the approach being taken by, and an outcome of the meeting of, the MEPC working group which has undertaken the development of draft guidelines under regulation 13F(5) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 (MEPC 34/WP.1*, paragraphs 5 to 13 and annex).

Agenda item 14 - Role of the human element in maritime casualties

19 The Sub-Committee will consider the outcome of the work of the correspondence group, established to deal with the issue intersessionally, and take further action as appropriate.

20 Bearing in mind that the report of the Sub-Committee on the issue, where possible, should be made to MSC 63, the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider proposals, if any, for the improvement of operational aspects in regulations of IMO instruments under the Sub-Committee's purview as well as comments which may be submitted on matters listed in paragraphs 21.2 and 21.3 of SLF 37/25 and in the annex to SLF 37/2/15/Add.1.

Agenda item 15 - 'Excessive' stability (Review of relevant codes to achieve consistency)

21 MSC 62, having noted that on stability issues different wording is used in different codes, included the item in the work programme of the Sub-Committee with a target completion date of 1994. The Sub-Committee will be invited to review relevant codes with a view to achieving consistent wording regarding 'excessive' stability and advise the BC Sub-Committee accordingly.

Agenda item 16 - Stability aspects of alternative arrangements under MARPOL 73/78 Annex I regulation 13G

22 As instructed by, and in accordance with terms of reference agreed at, MSC 62 (paragraph 16.6 and 16.7 of MSC 62/25), the Sub-Committee will finalize consideration of stability matters, including human factors (operation and maintenance), of alternative arrangements under regulation 13G(7) of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78 (hydrostatic balance loading and rapid emergency transfer of cargo) outlined in appendix 1 to draft guidelines for approval of alternative structural or operational arrangements as called for in MARPOL 73/78 Annex I regulation 13G(7)(MEPC 34/8/1)*, with due regard being given to the outcome of the correspondence group established by MSC 62 to develop safety aspects of such arrangements (MSC 62/25, paragraph 16.5), and will report the outcome to the BCH Sub-Committee and other sub-committees involved, as deemed necessary.

Agenda item 19 - Any other business

23 The Sub-Committee will be invited to review the indexing of recommendations and guidelines pertaining to its work; to note the information on the number of fishing vessels provided by Denmark (SLF 38/INF.2); when considering the sub-item on the reduction of secondary sources of pollution by minimizing the source of general flooding and by improving control of equipment vital to safe operation of the vessel, to comment on amendments to SOLAS regulations II-1/17 and II-1/21 proposed by the DE Sub-Committee in DE 36/WP.2 (paragraphs 21 to 23 and annex) with regard to openings in shell below the margin line and bilge pumping arrangements (SLF 38/2, paragraph 2.15.1); and to give consideration to the issue on standardization of essential bridge and engine-room instrumentation (SLF 38/2, paragraph 2.15.2).