

## SAFEMED III ISM Simulated Audit

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### Summary Report

The SAFEMED III ISM Simulated audit took place at EMSA premises in Lisbon from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015. It was attended by 10 participants from the following SAFEMED III countries: Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Tunisia.

The course aimed to enable the participants developing a practical approach on ships' audit techniques as well as to provide an update on the latest changes to the ISM Code and guidelines. The core of the seminar was a simulated audit on ships with a set of case studies dealing with main scenarios linked to the ISM procedures and specifically focussing on passengers' vessels.

The course was conducted by EMSA Senior Project Officer from Ship Safety Unit and ISM Auditor from the Italian Coast Guard.

After the introductive *tour de table* and opening of the seminar, the morning session of the first day started with general presentations of the SAFEMED III project, focusing on planned regional and bilateral actions related to the Flag State activities. This was followed by a presentation of the ISM Code and ISM Code guidelines overview.

During the introductive part of the course the participants were also familiarized with planning and preparation of the audit and were given a number of examples of on audit cross checks.

The practical part of the seminar started with a first case study related to the organizational chart of a passenger ship company. The participants, divided into two groups, were tasked to analyse the chart in order to find out eventual non-conformities with regard to the ISM Code requirements.

The second case study addressed the issues related to the management of a passenger drill. The participants had notably to analyse the procedures developed by the company in this respect.

The second day continued with case studies and each time the findings of the working groups were discussed between the participants and the speakers. During the second day the case studies covered such issues as crewing management, management of watertight doors, ships' maintenance, and management of non-conformities.

During the work on case studies and discussions that followed the participants were familiarized with a number of international regulations, such as, for example, IMO Guidance for watertight doors on passenger ships which may be opened during navigation (MSC.1/Circ.1380) and Guidelines for evaluation and replacement of lifeboat release and retrieval systems (MSC.1/Circ.1392).

Some of the case studies addressed during the course were based on real cases; the participants appreciated the possibility to discuss particular issues and the added value of such a practical approach of the seminar.

The seminar was concluded by a final discussion. The participants shared their wishes with regard to the future activities to be organised within the SAFEMED project in Flag State related matters. The overall outcome of the seminar appeared to be very positive. The participants appreciated the opportunity to partake in a practical

course, allowing them not only to discuss the case studies, but also to share their experience and challenges that they are facing in their professional life.