

**SafeSeaNet Group meeting no. 23**  
**Agenda item III**  
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## **SAFESEANET OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS**

### **Further adaptations following SSN v3 implementation**

#### **Submitted by EMSA**

<i>Summary</i>	The paper introduces adaptations required following the SSN v3 implementation.
<i>Action to be taken</i>	As per paragraph 3
<i>Related documents</i>	SSN 15 (agenda item 15/6/1) SSN 16 (agenda item 16/5/3)

## **1. BACKGROUND**

Directive 2010/65/EU ("Reporting Formalities Directive") requires Member States (MSs) to "accept the fulfilment of reporting formalities in electronic format and their transmission via a single window" no later than 1 June 2015. Article 6 of the Directive requires Member States to ensure that information received in accordance with the reporting formalities provided in a legal act of the Union is made available in their national SafeSeaNet systems and to make relevant parts of such information available to other Member States via the SafeSeaNet system.

The eMS group decided that the SSN messages to be exchanged between the Member States via the central SSN are the waste and the security messages. The SSN HLSC validated the eMS decision and approved the detailed technical requirements for developments which shall be implemented in the framework of a new SSN version (SSN v.3). It was agreed that the majority of the above requirements would be implemented in the new PortPlus message. On the basis of the above decisions, SSN v.3 was developed and deployed in production in April 2015.

The implementation of SSN V.3 will require not only technical developments at central and national level, but there will be further consequences. In particular the development of SSN V.3 involves new type of user (the PRF and security) who will face a new reality regarding reporting obligations to SSN (What, When, Who, Where and How to report). Detailed guidelines should be necessary to provide the shipping industry and the Member States the necessary information (as for the incident reporting, MRS, LOCODE management and HAZMAT reporting). Furthermore, the developments in SSN V.3 will require further adaptations to the SSN documentation and the data quality monitoring in order to support MS operation.

## **2. PROPOSALS**

### **2.1 Guidelines**

To support the shipping industry and the Member States to operate properly the SSN V.3, guidelines should be developed for PortPlus reporting (including port pre-arrival,

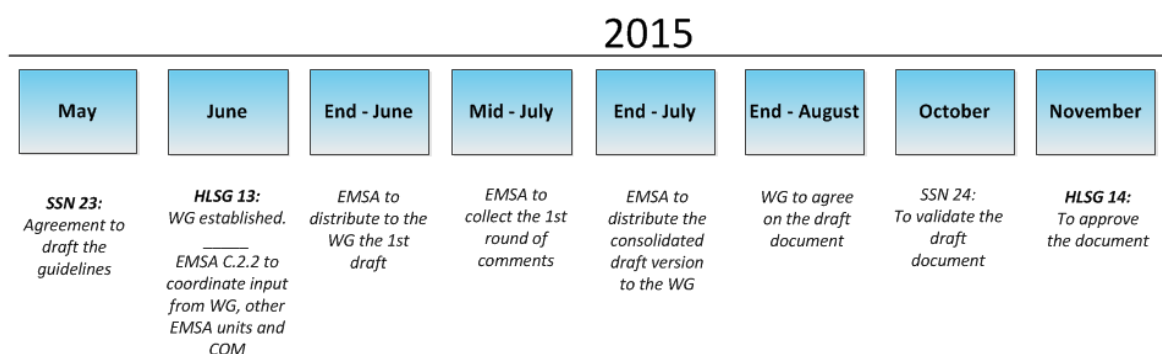
waste, security ATA/ATD and Hazmat) providing recommendations and examples related to the notification and request of PortPlus information in SSN.

The guidelines could be structured as follows:

- Introduction
- Legal background
- PortPlus notifications
- Operational reporting issues
- Exemptions
- Validation of notifications
- Ships which fail to comply with mandatory notifications

After receiving the feedback of the SSN group, the proposal will be submitted to the HLSG suggesting the establishment of a dedicated correspondence group (comprising EMSA and volunteer MSs) to develop guidelines for the PortPlus reporting in SSN.

A tentative time plan for the work is shown below:



## 2.2 Monitoring

The current data quality checks carried out by the EMSA MSS were validated at the SSN Group 16 meeting (SSN 16.5.3), and are supported by the Common Operational Procedures approved at HLSG12 (2/12/2014).

Following the implementation of SSN v.3, the checks need to be updated to reflect the changes in the information reported. Therefore, a similar process to the above should now be carried out (involving MSs) in order to validate the updates.

The revision of the data quality checks will require amendments to: the current settings of the monitoring tools, the MSS procedures, and cooperation with MSs (as was the case in the past with the transition to SSN v.2).

The updated list of SSN data quality checks should be presented at the next SSN Group meeting (October 2015) for validation. MS status reports will be updated in 2016 accordingly.

## 3. ACTIONS PROPOSED

Member States are invited to agree on the set-up of a correspondence group to draft guidelines for PortPlus reporting in SSN, and the review of MS data quality checks.