

Meeting: 24th SafeSeaNet Group Meeting

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Agenda item: Port facility information

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Summary	Reports on the progress of discussions that EMSA had with IMO to make port facility information from the GISIS Maritime Security module available to Member States (MSs) via SSN.
Action to be taken	As per paragraph 3.
Related documents	a. SSN 23.6.2 b. SSN 24.1.2 (Action point 11)

1. Background

Port facility information is required in order to complete security notifications, which in accordance with the Reporting Formalities Directive, must to be transmitted electronically to a national single window and exchanged via SSN. SSN Group 23 (May 2015) agreed that EMSA should discuss with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) the possibility that the list of port facilities available in the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) Maritime Security module could be made accessible by MSs via SSN.

2. Current Status

At present, MSs can register in GISIS and gain access to the Maritime Security module in order to download files containing port facility information. However, as GISIS is updated regularly by contracting governments, MSs may not be making use of the latest updated information, because it is not easy to determine the time when GISIS port facility information has been updated. Making use of a central SSN database, which would be available to all MSs, has the advantage that all MSs will be able to access and use harmonised and updated information. This will minimise the risk of errors and facilitate data quality checks by authorities.

EMSA therefore contacted the IMO to determine whether the GISIS Maritime Security module could be made available in this way. The IMO replied positively, saying that GISIS can be made accessible via SSN using both a hyperlink in the textual interface and web services. In this way, SSN users can have access to the GISIS port facility list without having to re-register in GISIS.

EMSA is continuing its discussion with the IMO in order to determine whether there are any technical or legal constraints associated with implementing the identified options.

3. Action Required

Member States are invited to note the information provided.