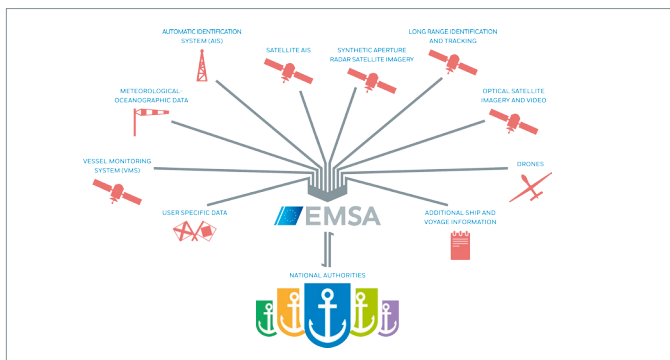


## USERS OF EMSA'S MARITIME SERVICES TO BENEFIT FROM UPGRADE TO PLATFORM

A new release of the Integrated Maritime Data Environment platform was made available on 22 July to member state authorities and European bodies and institutions using EMSA's **integrated maritime services**. The highlights of this new release are: a new design, look and feel, and improved layout of the web interface; integration of meteorological and oceanic data (remote sensing, in-situ information and forecast); integration of SafeSeaNet data (voyage information and presence of dangerous and polluting goods); improvements to the services provided to Frontex and the European Fisheries Control Agency; additional enhancements, including some technical improvements. In short, this new release provides a more user friendly and robust service with additional information layers. Positive feedback is already being received from several end users.



Combining information from a range of different data sources is one of the main attributes of EMSA's integrated maritime services

## RULECHECK SHIP INSPECTION TOOL NOW AVAILABLE FOR FLAG STATE USERS

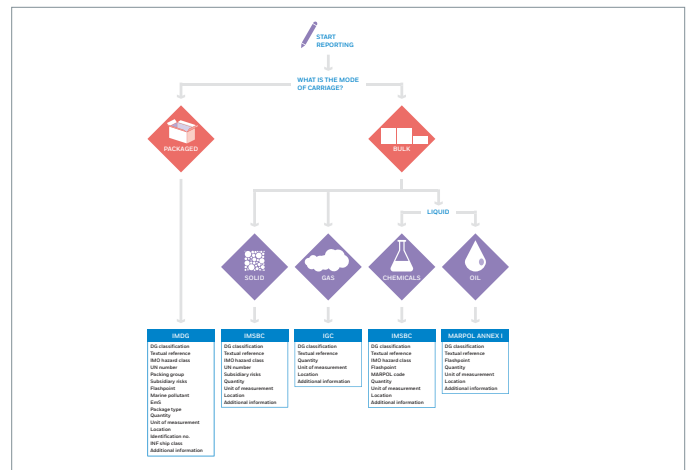
Since 31 August, following their expressed interest, RuleCheck user accounts have been created for flag state surveyors of the Cypriot maritime administration. It was at EMSA's administrative board meeting in June that the possibility to open the system to member state flag administrations was announced, and already two flag states have approached EMSA. A technical solution has made it possible to grant access to different user communities with content restrictions based on their specific credentials.

## PRACTICAL SCENARIO OFFERS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO TEST GUIDELINES ON PLACES OF REFUGE FOR SHIPS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Transport Malta and EMSA held a Table Top Exercise on Places of Refuge for ships in need of assistance in Valletta on 1 September. The exercise gathered representatives from the maritime administrations of EU member countries as well as several actors from the maritime industry (salvors, classification societies, insurers, etc.). The main aim of the exercise was to test – using a practical case scenario – the draft operational guidelines developed with EMSA's help. The issue of accommodating ships in distress has grown in importance in the EU agenda since the incident involving the MSC Flaminia in 2012 which led to the setting up of an EU cooperation group on places of refuge for ships in need of assistance.

## OBTAINING ACCURATE INFORMATION ON DANGEROUS AND POLLUTING GOODS ON BOARD SHIPS

Guidelines have been developed on reporting HAZMAT in SafeSeaNet, detailing the who, what, where, when, why and how of reporting obligations. Following the successful completion of these guidelines, a new **information leaflet** has been published, providing an easy-to-follow overview on reporting dangerous and polluting goods.



## ISABEL TORNÉ TAKES UP POSITION AS HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES AT EMSA

As of 1 June 2015 Isabel Torné has been engaged in the role of head of EMSA's Corporate Services Department. Ms Torné is a lawyer by education and has held different managerial positions in the Spanish Administrations at both regional and national level. From 2001 to 2003 she worked as Health and Consumer Affairs Attaché at the Spanish Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU. And, from July 2003 to January 2012, she held various positions in the European Commission. Previous to joining EMSA, Ms Torné was working as head of the Human Resources and Services Unit at the border control agency, Frontex.



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**CAREERS:** Document Management Officer (deadline: 11/09/2015); Applications Developer (deadline: 11/09/2015)

**PROCUREMENT:** Provision of ICT services (deadline: 2/10/2015); Development of a central access rights database (deadline: 30/09/2015); Provision of a technical secretariat (deadline: 25/09/2015)