

PERMANENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Salient Points

3rd Meeting, 9-10 July 2013

Attendees

Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF) for the Investigation of Accidents in the Maritime transport sector held its third session at EMSA premises during 9-10 of July.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Steve Clinch, the PCF Chairman and Mr Jean-Claude Medernach, the deputy-Chairman.

The meeting was attended by 28 representatives from 25 different organisations. The European Commission was also represented, assisted by EMSA. The Secretariat for the PCF was provided by EMSA.

Introduction

The main agenda points of the meeting were:

- **Adoption of PCF2 Report;**
- **Adoption of PCF2 Salient points;**
- **Updates by Commission, Member States and EMSA;**
- **PCF Work Programme;**
- **EMCIP and Training activities on accident investigation were included in Any Other Business.**

PCF Working Groups Progress Reports

The progress report by Working Group 1 (**WG1**) dealing with procedures to acquire and share information on Marine Accidents and Incidents was extensively discussed. The paper introduced a proposal of four user categories to access the accident data, as well as rules and limitations per user category. The first category, related to Accident Investigative Bodies and the Commission, was agreed. The PCF did not manage to agree the rules and limitations to apply to the three remaining categories and requested WG1 to revise the procedure for the next PCF meeting.

A paper concerning the "Procedures for follow up of safety recommendations" summarising the work of Working Group 2 (**WG2**) was discussed. It proposed a questionnaire to be circulated to the AI bodies in order to collect information on how the follow-up of safety recommendations is arranged at national level. The PCF invited WG2 to align the work with the purpose of the WG2 and revise the questionnaire before its circulation intersessionally to member States.

Principles of Sharing Confidential Information were addressed by Working Group 3 (**WG3**). The paper provided a questionnaire for AI bodies to describe the arrangements in their country for protecting and sharing confidential information relating to safety investigations. PCF agreed upon the circulation of the questionnaire.

Working Group 4 (**WG4**) provided an update about the current discussion within the Group dealing with Training matters. It was agreed that The WG Terms of Reference needed to be

adjusted and the WG was invited to continue the work of identifying the training needs of the Member States.

Any Other Business

Under AOB, activities related to the EMCIP database and training sessions delivered by EMSA were introduced by the Agency. Actions to take place in those areas until the next meeting were discussed. The proposal related to the treatment by the Commission of Early Alerts issued by Third Countries was noted by PCF. The Commission introduced the COSS29 paper about the issues related to the implementation of the Directive by the Member States. Finally, the PCF decided to add an item on "Interim report" at next PCF.

Conclusion

The Chairman concluded by summarising the main decisions taken and closed the meeting.