

PERMANENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Salient Points

2nd Meeting, 13-14 November 2012

Attendees

The Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF) for the Investigation of Accidents in the Maritime transport sector held its second session at EMSA premises during 13-14 of November 2012.

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

Twenty-four representatives from twenty-two different organisations attended the second PCF meeting. Due to a general strike in Portugal on 14 November 2012 some Member State representatives were unable to attend. The European Commission was also represented, as assisted by EMSA. The Secretariat for the PCF was provided by EMSA.

PCF participants were also invited to a presentation on EMCIP that preceded the PCF meeting. This session allowed EMSA, as database manager, to provide participants (most of whom are their respective countries' Accident Investigation managers) with a detailed view of its functionalities and to demonstrate the system capabilities to support future analysis.

Introduction

Head of Department B Ms Theresa Crossley delivered a welcome address in which, on behalf of EMSA Executive Director Markku Mylly, she conveyed her best wishes to all for a fruitful meeting, with particular reference to the formulation of a Work Programme.

The meeting was then, formally opened by Mr Clinch (UK).

The main agenda points of the meeting were:

- **Adoption of PCF1 Report;**
- **Adoption of PCF1 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 Work Programme

As a main objective of the PCF2 meeting, the formulation of a Work Programme was extensively discussed. The main tasks identified centred around the following aspects:

- Analysis of casualty data
- Safety Recommendations
- Principles of sharing confidential information
- Training

- Resources and technical cooperation
- Early alerts
- Investigative methodologies
- Training.

It was decided that each task would be dealt with by a Working Group (A list of tasks and respective Working Groups is included in Annex 1). composed of several PCF representatives. The PCF discussed the constitution of each Working Group and defined respective Rules of Procedure. It also discussed the priority to be given to each WG's task. Tasks 3, 6 and 7 received the highest priority and respective WGs were constituted during the meeting. Other tasks will start at later stage, following the feedback from the 3 first WGs.

Any Other Business

An update on developments and activities related to EMCIP was provided.

EMSA provided information about training activities it would be delivering in 2013. Pending items from PCF1 dealing with definition of marine incidents vs. marine accident, possible use of SSN to support the population of EMCIP, development of Distance Learning Programme for training of investigators and format of simplified report, were discussed.

Conclusion

Dates of 16 to 18 April 2013 for next meeting of the PCF were agreed.

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

PCF2 Salient Points

Annex 1

Working Groups related to WP's tasks as decided by PCF2.

TASK 3 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.3): **Analysis of casualty data** (WG 1)

Terms of Reference: Propose procedures to acquire and share information on Marine Accidents and Incidents and its use for safety analysis.

Lead: United Kingdom

Reference: Directive Article 10.3.c

TASK 6 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.6): **Safety recommendations** (WG 2)

Terms of Reference: Propose principles for follow-up procedures covering safety recommendations.

Lead Luxembourg

Reference: Directive Article 10.3.d; Regulation 1286/2011 Article 5

TASK 7 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.7): **Principles of sharing confidential information** (WG 3)

Terms of Reference:

- 1-Identify different legal national structures within EU MSs related to the confidentiality rules for the sharing of data and witness evidence.
- 3-Propose a common approach for sharing marine safety records with EU MSs.
- 2- Identify different legal national structures within third countries related to the confidentiality rules for the sharing of data and witness evidence.
- 4-Propose a common approach for sharing marine safety records with third countries.

Lead: United Kingdom

Reference: Directive Article 10.3.f

TASK 8 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.8): **Training** (WG 4)

Terms of Reference:

- 1-Based on best practices and experiences, identify training activities that may improve investigations competence.
- 2-Provide advises to EMSA on generic training that needs to be delivered at community level

Reference: Directive Article 10.3.g

TASK 1 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.1) + TASK 2 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.2): **Resources and technical cooperation** (WG5)

Terms of Reference:

- 1-Identify resources / expertise for individual organisations
- 2-Collate primary contact list for each Member State
- 3-Propose protocol for sharing resources
- 4-Identify external sources of expertise / resource within EU

Reference: Directive Articles 10.3.a and 10.3.b

TASK 4 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.4): **EARLY ALERTS** (WG 6)

Terms of Reference:

- 1-Propose general principles / criteria to be applied covering the issuance of Early Alerts at Member States' level
- 2-Propose general principles / criteria to be applied covering the promulgation of Notes of warning at Community level
- 3-Propose establishment of standing committee to proceed with WG6-ToR1 and WG6-ToR2

Reference: Directive Articles 10.3.e and 16

TASK 5 (PCF2/6.0-7.2.5): **Investigative Methodologies** (WG 7)

Terms of Reference: Evaluate and share methodologies based on technical / scientific progress

Reference: Directive Article 10.3.d