

PERMANENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Salient Points

4th Meeting, 17-19 June 2014

Attendees

The fourth meeting of the Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF) for the Investigation of Accidents in the Maritime Transport Sector took place at EMSA premises during 17-19 June 2014.

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

The meeting was attended by 30 representatives from 26 different organisations. The European Commission was also represented, assisted by the EMSA. The Secretariat for the PCF was provided by EMSA.

Introduction

The main agenda points of the meeting were:

1. Adoption of PCF3 Report & Salient points
2. Updates by Commission, Member States and EMSA
3. Investigation data (sharing of data WG1, confidential data WG3)
4. Follow-up of Safety Recommendations (WG2)
5. Training of investigators (including WG4 and EMSA training activities)
6. European Maritime Casualty Information Platform
7. AOB:
 1. Early alerts
 2. CCTV on board passenger vessels
 3. Development of a Business Tool for field Marine Casualty Investigators
 4. MAIIF Guidelines
 5. Content of Interim Report
 6. Investigator ID card
 7. Investigator personal equipment
 8. Recommendation on VDR
 9. Classification of marine Injuries
 10. EMSA Yearly Overview of Marine Casualties and Incidents

PCF Working Groups Progress Reports

Most of the proposals made by **WG1** about the procedures to acquire and share information on Marine Accidents and Incidents were agreed by PCF. A final version of the document is to be approved inter-sessionally while the technical implementation of the data sharing rules is to be done by EMSA in the database EMCIP.

A revised questionnaire dealing with "Procedures for follow-up of Safety Recommendations" was submitted by **WG2** to PCF4. Some editorials being required, the final questionnaire will be sent to Member States and analysis of the answers will be submitted to PCF5.

A basis for the development of a guideline to deal with the "Sharing of Confidential Information" was agreed following the proposals by **WG3**.

Priorities for development of first guidelines related to training practices for investigators will be decided within **WG4** and first guidelines will be proposed to PCF5.

EMCIP

Activities of the Agency on EMCIP were reported to PCF and the revised Terms of Reference of the EMCIP User Group were discussed.

Any Other Business

Several items were discussed by PCF4. Main decisions taken relate to the establishment of several new Working Groups, namely:

- WG Early Alerts;
- WG on Business Tool;
- WG on Content of Interim Reports;
- WG on Classification of Marine Injuries.

The issue at EU level of a Safety Recommendation on Voyage Data Recorder issues was agreed. Proposals about CCTV on board passenger vessels, common ID cards and protective equipment for investigators were not approved.

Chairmanship elections

Mr Steve Clinch was re-elected as Chairperson and Mr Francisco Mata as Deputy-Chairperson for a 2 year term.

Conclusion

The Chairman concluded by summarising the main decisions taken and closed the meeting. PCF5 meeting is expected to take place mid-2015.