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SafeSeaNet monthly report

June 2008

1 - Background information

The purpose of the monthly report is to present the latest specific measurable elements and figures, thereby providing a picture of the current status of SafeSeaNet. The report is made available to EMSA, the Commission and the Member States for their further analysis and conclusions may be drawn from it on current usage of the SSN system. It provides statistical elements on the quantity of information provided to SSN and section 4 gives an indication of the quality of the data.

The objective of indicating the "data quality" is to assist MS in understanding those areas where their performance must be improved.

2 - Type of information

2.1 – SSN Notifications

The table below shows the type and number of notifications sent to SSN in June 08 by reporting country and type of communication interface used for providing the data (Web-based or automatic XML-based). The table also includes the total amount of notifications by country and type. The information in the graphic gives the evolution of the number of notifications sent in the last year.

COUNTRY	INTERFACE	SHIP	PORT	HAZMAT	ALERT	TOTAL
Belgium	XML	155,713	8,066	1,986		165,765
Denmark	XML	177,952		416		178,368
Finland	XML		4,304	500		4,804
Germany	Web				1	1
Germany	XML	158,876	6,369	2,009		167,254
Iceland	XML	13	17	24		54
Ireland	XML	50,775	2	55		50,832
Italy	XML	1				1
Latvia	XML	78,297	84			78,381
Lithuania	XML	21,290	1,696	207		23,193
Malta	XML	29,537	733	256		30,526
Netherlands	Web		221	99	4	324
Netherlands	XML	303,393	11,354	2,393		317,140
Norway	XML	380,010	5,015	681		385,706
Poland	XML	124,322	8,708	1,752		134,782
Portugal	Web		47	4		51
Portugal	XML		663	134		797
Romania	Web		545	88		633
Slovenia	Web	138	317	11		466
Spain	XML		6,616	1,000		7,616
Sweden	XML	9,477	9,861			19,338
United						
Kingdom	XML		71,838	10,246		82,084
TOT	AL	1,489,794	136,456	21,861	5	1,648,116

Table 1 - SSN Notifications



EMSA comment: The total number of notifications sent to SSN was an 8% decreased during last month because **Norway** performing several technical interventions causing the shutdown of their system. **Ireland** and **Latvia** entered into production by sending notifications in XML. **Italy** stopped sending notifications in April 2008.

2.2 – SSN Requests

Table 2 show the type and number of requests made to SSN in June 08 by reporting country and type of interface. The table also includes the total amount by country and by type of request. The information in the graphic gives the evolution of the number of requests made in the last year.

COUNTRY	INTERFACE	SHIP	PORT	HAZMAT	ALERT	TOTAL
Belgium	Web	14		6		20
Belgium	XML	480				480
Bulgaria	Web	3		1	4	8
Denmark	XML			1		1
Germany	Web	6		4	5	15
Ireland	Web	1				1
Ireland	XML	2				2
Latvia	XML	20	34	14	8	76
Lithuania	Web	1				1
Netherlands	Web	9		10	4	23
Norway	Web	42		24		66
Norway	XML	6	236	31,823		32,065
Poland	Web	1		3		4
Poland	XML		1	3		4
Portugal	XML			2		2
Romania	Web			14		14
Slovenia	Web	3		2		5
Sweden	Web				2	2
European						
Commission	Web	129		147	3	279
European Commission	XML		219			219
TOTAL		717	490	32,054	26	33,287





EMSA comment: The number of requests has decreased almost 45% due to the periodical disconnection of Norway (as explained previously). **Belgium** and **Latvia** have started to request using automatic means (XML) and **Bulgaria** using the Web.

3. Member States status

3.1 – SSN Participating Countries



Map – MS current status

Graphic 1 – Evolution of the SSN Implementation June 2007/2008



Countries ready to participate in SSN Countries not participating in SSN

Landlocked countries

EMSA comment – As the end of 2008 is the deadline for having all countries connected to SSN by automatic means (XML), graphic 1 gives a clear picture on the progress made since last year. The number of countries that sends information to SSN has increased (five MS have joined) and I taly as temporarily stopped notifying due to technical problems. Cyprus and Slovenia are already under tests while Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece and Romania were recently visited by EMSA experts to

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provide support the acceleration of their implementation. **France and Iceland** are ready to enter into production.

3.2 – Status of implementation

Table 3 summarises the MS' current status of notifications by XML (automatic connection for the message exchange) and projected dates when the remaining MS are expected to enter into production or begin commissioning.

~		Notifications				Data Drainated for Tests or Draduction	
COUNTRY		Port	Hazmat	azmat Ship Alert		Date Projected for Tests or Production	
BE	Belgium	yes	yes	yes	no		
BU	Bulgaria	no	no	no	no	Test: October 2008	
CY	Cyprus	no	no	no	no	Test: July 2008	
DK	Denmark	ready	yes	yes	no		
EE	Estonia	no	no	no	no	Test: October 2008 for Port and Hazmat	
FL	Finland					Test: May/July 2008 for MRS Ship notifications, November 2008 alerts	
FI	rinianu	yes	yes	no	no	notifications and by the end of 2008 improvement in HAZMAT	
FR	France	ready	ready	ready	ready	Production: July 2008	
DE	Germany	yes	yes	yes	no	Production: End of 2008 for Alerts	
GR	Greece	no	no	no	no	Currently drafting specifications	
IC	Iceland	ready	ready	ready	no	Production: July 2008	
IE	Ireland	ready	ready	yes	ready		
IT	Italy	ready	ready	ready	ready	Production currently suspended	
LV	Latvia	yes	ready	yes	ready		
LT	Lithuania	yes	yes	yes	no		
MT	Malta	yes	yes	yes	ready		
NL	Netherlands	yes	yes	yes	no		
NO	Norway	yes	yes	yes	ready		
PL	Poland	yes	yes	yes	ready		
PT	Portugal	yes	yes	no	no	Production: 2009 for Alert and Ship notifications	
RO	Romania (*)	yes (*)	yes (*)	yes (*)	yes (*)	Test: End of 2008	
SI	Slovenia (*)	yes (*)	yes (*)	yes (*)	yes (*)	Test: August/September of 2008	
ES	Spain	yes	yes	no	no		
SE	Sweden	yes	yes	yes	no		
GB	United Kingdom	yes	yes	ready	ready		

Table 3 – Status of Implementation per SSN country

Notes:

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(*) Countries participating using the Web interface

Yes	Participating, sending notifications			
Ready	Passing the "commissioning" tests that certify national compliance with SSN but not yet using the system			
No	No connection to SSN			

EMSA comment – In June **Ireland** and **Latvia** have joined the SSN production environment with XML interface. Both MS are providing Ship (AIS) notifications. **Latvia** is also sending Port notifications.

4. Data Quality

4.1. – Port Notifications

The following graphic presents the result of the data quality checks by comparing the information available in external data sources (Port authorities' web pages, Lloyds Maritime Intelligence Unit and Sea-Web) and SSN. The graphic shows the evolution by country in June 07 and June 08.



Graph 2 - Port Notifications vs external sources

EMSA comment – The graph shows that MS must ensure that all port notifications (regarding vessels bound to their ports). **Belgium and Poland** could be considered as the good example for June 08 as they send 100% of the port notification through XML.

4.2. - Availability of the messages details

Graphs 3 and 4 provide information on the details availability regarding Hazmat and Ship messages. Graphics below indicate the percentage of details available upon request per country in February 2008 and June 2008 and the averages for those months. 100% means that details are always available upon request by the national system.



Graph 3- Availability of the HAZMAT details





EMSA comment – The average percentage of availability of the Hazmat and Ship details is nearly 100% in Jun. 08 and has increased compared with Feb. 08.

4.3. – Common errors in SSN

The table below presents the most common errors made by SSN users, the description of the error and the current status of each one. The analysis was made for a one year period (June 07 –June 08) corresponding to the set-up of the SSN Maritime Support Services (MSS).

Summary of the most common errors							
Type of Messages	Description	Status					
	Invalid format of the Phone and Fax contact details (spaces or marks other than "+" were included)	Solved. Messages Rejected in SSN 1.9					
	Url indicated in the message for the downloadable documents pointed to server and not to the document itself.	Resolved by MSs					
In all	Notifications sent without a need. Reason for this is the way that SSN notifications are triggered at the National level	Pending in some MSs					
messages	MMSI of the vessel referred to the non-existing MID	Solved. Messages Rejected in SSN 1.9					
	MSRefld of the messages were repeated	Solved. Messages Rejected in SSN 1.9					
	Employment of the "UNKWN" LOCODE instead of "ZZUKN"	Solved. Messages Rejected in SSN 1.9					
	No information about the persons on board was included	Pending in some MSs					
	A Port Notification had ETD prior to ETA	Pending, message will be rejected in SSN 1.9.1 (Jan. 09)					
Port	Information on the arrival of vessel were inserted after actual vessel arrival (SentAt >ETA)	Pending, message will be rejected in SSN 1.9.1 (Jan. 09)					
	Messages were sent for the foreign countries	Solved. Messages Rejected in SSN 1.9					
	Messages were sent after vessel actual arrival/departure	Pending, warning message will be sent in SSN 1.9.1. (Jan. 09)					
Hazmat	ETA was prior to the ETD	Pending, message will be rejected in SSN 1.9.1 (Jan. 09)					
	Information were sent only for incoming ships or only for outgoing ships	Pending, MSs affected were notified					
	Next Port of Call of the vessel was included but not ETA	Solved. Messages Rejected in SSN 1.9					
Ship AIS	Next Port of call was included as empty value (if it is unknown it should be ZZUKN). Ship notification must have a port location, locode or plain text. Both are accepted.	Solved. Messages Rejected in SSN 1.9					