



EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY

**SAFESEANET EMSA TRAINING SESSION
REPORT**

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REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The SafeSeaNet Member States training session was held on 15 and 16 December 2004. Mr. Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS of EMSA chaired the training session. In his opening remarks he presented the EMSA team and extended his welcome to all the delegates. He also thanked the TAIEX programme which supported financially the training session and in particular Mr. Andrea Tassoni of EMSA who contributed to the organisation of the event.

A list of participants is included as Annex 1. The meeting was attended by delegations from:

Czech Republic	Cyprus
Estonia	Hungary
Latvia	Lithuania
Malta	Poland
Slovakia	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Romania

Representatives of Getronics S.A. also attended the training session.

2. AGENDA

The agenda of the training session is included as Annex 2. All the presentations are available on the EMSA web site (www.emsa.eu.int).

Minutes

Malta mentioned that only the cargo manifest of the dangerous or polluting goods have to be transmitted through SSN.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS reminded that Annex I para. 3.B.(c) of the Directive 2002/59 requires the M.S. to notify “the address from which detailed information on the cargo may be obtained”.

Poland asked when the XML scheme will be finalised.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered that the M.S. have to comply with the current version of the XML Guide 1.6. The aim of EMSA is first to enter the system in exploitation and validate the project that has been already implemented and tested and then to further develop SafeSeaNet to enable the exchange of more maritime information and so improve the safety, security and efficiency of maritime traffic. Therefore SSN will not change for at least the next 5 to 6 months.

Slovenia asked which LOCODEs will be used for ports outside E.U.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered that for the time being the LOCODE “Uknown” is used. However this issue is under discussion with the M.S. and it is possible that another solution should be adopted in the near future.

Slovakia asked about the role of the the SafeSeaNet for the non-littoral M.S.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered that the non-littoral M.S. may act as data requesters for monitoring the vessels carrying their flag.

Cyprus asked what LOCODEs will be used for NCAs.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered that EMSA will harmonise the procedure for defining the NCA LOCODEs.

Malta asked what will happen if a vessel has no IMO or MMSI number.

Yannick Texier answered that all vessels that fall into the scope of the Directive 2002/59 have IMO or MMSI numbers.

Malta asked if an Authority is obliged to transmit the cargo manifest in case an incident happens to a vessel not carrying dangerous or polluting goods.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered that there is no such obligation. The Authority has to notify the incident if it falls into the cases of Article 16 of the Directive 2002/59.

Poland asked if the AIS messages should be transmitted through the XML interface.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered that AIS messages could be transmitted to SSN only through the XML interface because these notifications could only be transmitted to SSN automatically.

Malta asked if ETA has to be refreshed and if ATA is correct to be notified to SSN.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered According to Annex I, para. 5 the master of the ship must inform the authority concerned for any change to the information notified. EMSA suggested that ETA should be re-notified in SSN if it is going to deviate more than two hours from the previous one.

Malta asked in case of SSN failure, for how long the message has to be kept at national level in order to be sent to SSN.

Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS answered that this is an open issue and have to be discussed with the M.S. The data have to be kept in order to enable SSN to extract statistics.

3. CONCLUSIONS

The conclusions of the training session are summarised as follows :

- a. The training session gave the opportunity to the M.S. to benefit from as much insight into the use and operation of the SafeSeaNet system and to exchange views and share common experiences.
- b. M.S. have express concerns about the cargo manifests, use of LOCODEs and other issues. EMSA stressed that there are still some issues open and the work is ongoing. However it is important to have in mind that the XML Guide version 1.6 has to be used

as a basis for the development of national applications of the M.S. This version will not change in the near future.

- c. As an output of the training session it becomes evident that there is a different degree of the M.S. involvement into the SSN project. Some M.S. have already started while others have not. EMSA suggests it necessary that the M.S. have to speed up and to comply with SSN requirements.
- d. EMSA considers it necessary to involve the acceding M.S. (Bulgaria and Romania) in SSN. To this end it will send all the necessary information to the competent Authorities of these future M.S. EMSA will try to find the best possible way to invite the representatives of Bulgaria and Romania to attend future SSN events.
- e. Regarding the land locked M.S. a web interface seems to be sufficient in order to enable these M.S. to act as data requesters. However they have to define their Authorities and to ask for the user id.

ANNEX 1

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ANNEX 2

Chair: European Maritime Safety Agency

Programme - 15 December 2004

Training action on the SafeSeaNet project

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| 11:00 | Registration and coffee | |
| 11:15 | Introduction | Emilio Martin Bauza (EMSA) |
| 11:30 | SafeSeaNet Fundamentals | Lazaros Aichmalotidis (EMSA) |
| | - Directive 2002/59 | |
| 12:15 | Light lunch | |
| 13:30 | SafeSeaNet Fundamentals | Dimitry Veny + Wim Van Acker (GETRONICS) |
| | - Networking basics explained | |
| | - XML standards (XML, XML schema, Namespaces) | |
| 14:00 | SafeSeaNet Functionalities, a black-box view | Dimitry Veny (GETRONICS) |
| | - Concept | |
| | - Use cases | |
| | - Interfaces + comparison | |
| 15:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 15:30 | Demo web interface + Q&A | Dimitry Veny (GETRONICS) |
| 16:15 | SafeSeaNet Architecture, a white-box view | Arnaud Marczuk (GETRONICS) |
| | - Message exchange | |
| | - System specifications | |
| | - Technology options | |
| 17:15 | End of first day | |

Programme - 16 December 2004

Training Action on the SafeSeaNet project

09:00	Registration and coffee	
09:15	Wrap-up previous day	Lazaros Aichmalotidis (EMSA)
09:30	Demo XML interface + Q&A	Dimitry Veny (GETRONICS)
10:00	SafeSeaNet Testing	Wim Van Acker (GETRONICS)
	- Test organization and planning	
	- Test cycles and reporting	
	- Member state support and helpdesk	
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:15	SafeSeaNet Securities	Yannick Texier (EMSA)
11:45	SafeSeaNet Management	Dimitry Veny (GETRONICS)
	- Concept	
	- Use Cases	
	- Statistics	
12:15	Demo management console + Q&A	Arnaud Marczuk (GETRONICS)
12:30	End of training action	