

HAZMAT Working Group

Terms of Reference and Timeframe for the HAZMAT WG

1st coordination meeting

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Unit C.2 - Vessel Traffic and Reporting Services

Lisbon | 25 February 2014

Agenda

- Background
- Terms of reference
- Provisional planning for the group
- AOB

Background

- Hazmat survey carried out by MSS
- SSN Group 19
 - considered the results of the survey and proposed the establishment of a HAZMAT working group to develop Guidelines and Reference Database
 - Proposed TOR for approval of HLSG
- SSN HLSG 9
 - concurred with the views of the SSN Group and approved the TOR (with recommendation to include industry participants and consultation with eMS)
- SSN Group 20 and HLSG 10 were kept informed of achieved progress

Background

- Directive 2010/65/EU on ship reporting formalities includes HAZMAT notifications as one of the formalities which has to be:
 - Transmitted in electronic format 'using a revisable structured format' (paper not acceptable after 1 June 2015)
 - Using a single window (NSW)
 - Made available in SSN systems for exchange between MS
- The eMS Group proposed incorporating additional data elements from IMO FAL form 7 – Dangerous Goods Manifest in the NSW, as well as exchanging these elements via SSN as optional fields
- XML Reference Guide for SSN V.3 amended to take into consideration proposed HAZMAT improvements

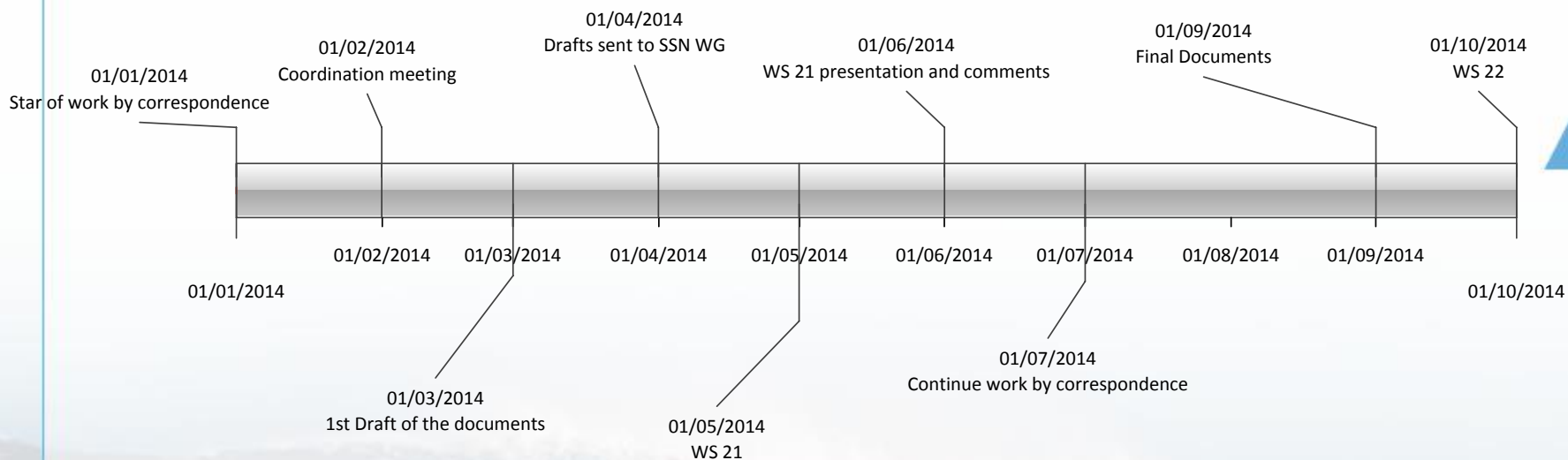
Mandate of the working group - ToR

- The SSN “Hazmat Working Group (WG)” should develop and propose measures for **improving the Hazmat reporting in SSN**, taking into account existing specifications of the SSN system and the findings of the EMSA survey on Hazmat reporting.
- The WG should draft **dedicated guidelines (1)** on Hazmat notifications, and should also draft the requirements for **the Hazmat reference database (2)**.

The WG group composition, relations and working methods

- **Each country** participating in **SSN** with an interest in Hazmat information
- Representatives from shipping **industry (ESPO, ECSA and Protect Group)**
- **Coordination** with **eMS group** (EMSA's role)
- The working group will work mainly by **correspondence**
- At least, **one coordination meeting** (Lisbon, 25/02/2014)
- Deliverables to be **approved by SSN Group**

Timeline



Actions carried out

- Developed and distributed concept papers (10/01/2014)
- Received comments from MS and industry
- Coordinated Hazmat Working Group meeting (25/02/2014)

Main Milestones 2014

- First draft of deliverables to be presented to SSN Group 21 (May 2014).
- The final documents, encompassing the results of the working group, will be submitted to SSN Group 22 for validation (October 2014).
- At SSN Group 22, the mandate of this working group will expire, or, if necessary, be renewed with new ToRs.
- HLSG 11 and 12 will be kept informed of developments.
- **Following Steps**
 - Publication of the Guidelines
 - Establish timeframe for developing the Hazmat Reference Database