

SafeSeaNet Workshop 21

Guidelines for exchanging MRS notifications through SSN

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Background

- **MRS WG**

- Established at HLSG 8 (Dec 2012)
- 9 MSs participated (DK, EE, FI, FR, IT, NO, PL, UK and SE)
- Work by correspondence

- **Deliverables**

1. Definition of BRs for improved MRS messages
✓ **Validated at SSN 20 and HLSG 10**
2. Technical proposal in XML
✓ **Validated at SSN 20 and HLSG 10**
3. Guidelines for exchanging MRS notifications via SSN

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Purpose of the document

- To provide a **common understanding** on MRS reporting in SSN.
- Without prejudicing the relevant IMO/MSC resolution requirements, such guidelines should clarify **why, when and how** to report to SSN.
- It is absolutely outside the scope of the guidelines any change to the reporting obligations of the shipping industry to the MRS authorities.

Comments from WG: Italy

Issue: Designator “T” - Address for the communication of cargo information

At least one contact detail must be provided (Phone, Fax or Email) in the improved technical framework. To meet operational needs, MSs are encouraged to provide at least the “phone” if DPG are on board.

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Comment reflected in the draft document

Comments from WG: DK and SE

Issue: MRS operated by two or more MSs

- in case two or more MSs jointly operate a MRS, only one notification to SSN will be needed; and,
- the HLSG should not be involved in such decision.

EMSA proposal:

- Each of the MSs will report separately to SSN the MRS data they are responsible to collect.
- MSs willing to establish an agreement (e.g. to notify to SSN a MRS notification on behalf of other MSs) should submit such proposal to the SSN HLSG.

Action required

- Member States are requested to approve the “Guidelines for exchanging MRS notifications through SSN”.
- EMSA will report the progress to the next SSN HLSG.