



# SSN Group meeting 25

## SSN Incident Report Guidelines update in line with the Places of Refuge Guidelines

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- **16 March 2015:**
- The “EU Operational Guidelines on Places of Refuge” (draft) was introduced by the Cooperation Group on Places of Refuge
- **5 June 2015:**
- Information on PoR Guidelines was presented at SSN HLSG 13
- EMSA was tasked to amend the SSN Incident Report Guidelines in order to include the use of the SSN incident reporting framework for the exchange of information on places of refuge (PoR) information
- **1 September 2015:**
- “MED CARRIER” table top exercise took place in Malta:
  - to test the recently introduced “EU Operational Guidelines on Places of Refuge, and
  - to test procedures for using and distributing SITREPs related to PoR situations



- **14 October 2015:**
- EMSA presented initial proposals for amendments to the SSN Incident Report Guidelines at SSN Group 24
- **2 December 2015:**
- Proposal to HLSG 14:
  - SSN Incident Report Guidelines will be finalised and distributed to SSN National Competent Authorities, following the evaluation of the “MED CARRIER” exercise and any subsequent amendments to the “EU Operational Guidelines on Places of Refuge”
- The consolidated version will be submitted to the SSN Group for its validation, and to the SSN HLSG for approval.

# Proposals

- **Section 2.1.** – to include a reference to Article 20a(3) of the VTMISS Directive
- **Section 2.4.** – to include a reference to the “EU Operational Guidelines on Places of Refuge,” requiring users to take these guidelines into consideration whenever incident reports associated with PoR requests are to be distributed (**regardless of the ship size or type**).
- **Section 2.6.** – to add that the Maritime Assistance Services (MAS) are a **potential recipient** of PoR - related incident reports.
- **Sections 3.1.1. and 3.1.3.** – to add a reference to the “EU Operational Guidelines on Places of Refuge” (status of the **involved** Member States).
- **Annex 1.1 – example** (No.5)
- **Annex 1 - Appendix 10 - “SITREP Template including Place of Refuge (PoR) Situation Report.”**



- **“SITREP” Template including Place of Refuge (PoR) Situation Report**
- Consists of two sections:
  - First section – SSN SITREP (as per Appendix 1).
  - Second section - relates to the PoR specific information. At present, this can be only exchanged via SSN as an attached document.
- **The Cooperation Group on Places of Refuge has recommended merging both parts in a unique electronic template, and to incorporate it in the existing reporting framework.**
  - Requires an additional adjustment for both the central SSN system and national systems;
  - Implementation shall be evaluated and agreed at a later stage.



- **The SSN Group is invited to validate the proposed amendments.**





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