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Draft regulations on ballast water management

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary:	This document communicates the text of proposed draft regulations for ballast water management to the Sub-Committee for comments on the training and education issues, as requested by MEPC 42
Action to be taken:	Paragraph 4
Related documents:	MEPC 42/WP.10, MEPC 42/WP.1, MEPC 42/WP.4

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its forty-second session recalled that resolution A.868(20) requests it to develop legally binding provisions on ballast water management in the form of a new Annex to MARPOL 73/78.

2 MEPC 42 noted that the Ballast Water Working Group had accordingly completed a set of draft regulations and an accompanying Code.

3 MEPC 42 agreed that the STCW Sub-Committee be requested to review the relevant draft provisions in regulation 5, Training and Education, given at annex, and provide comments to MEPC 43.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the foregoing and take action as appropriate.

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ANNEX

EXTRACTS FROM DRAFT REGULATIONS ON BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

Regulation 5: Training and Education	Proposed amendments Regulation 5
1 Parties shall endeavour to ensure that ships provide training for their officers and ratings engaged in ballast water management operations in the application of ballast water management and treatment procedures. Such training shall include, at a minimum, with respect to ballast water exchange at sea, the matters contained in Appendix 1, Part B, Section 1(a). Such training should also include instruction on the maintenance of appropriate records and logs. 2 Parties should ensure that their marine training organizations include the above <i>in the contents of their syllabus</i>. <i>Parties are encouraged to include knowledge of duties regarding the control of pollution of the sea by harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens.</i>	The United Kingdom proposes to simplify the first sentence: <i>“Officers and ratings engaged in ballast water management operations shall be trained in the application of ballast water management and treatment procedures.”</i>¹ Hong Kong, China comments² Greece comments³

¹ With the exception of the first sentence of paragraph 1, this is too much detail for an Annex, and should be considered within STCW in keeping with the practice in other Annexes. The action should be restricted upon the ship.

² Regulation 5.1 requires ships to provide training for their officers and ratings. It is not clear which party of the ship should provide the training - ship's master, ship's chief engineer, ship's chief officer, ship's crew agency, ship's flag State, ship's owner, or the ship's manager, etc. It is the responsibility of the marine training organization to provide training and such training should be to the satisfaction of the certificate issuing authority before certificate is issued to the crew. Since training is fully covered in Reg.5.2 and STCW Convention, it is proposed to delete or amend Reg.5.1.

³ The knowledge required for all certified deck officers could be established by STCW and delivered through the national curriculum. Ships would also provide "familiarization" to officers and ratings as necessary. This regulation - and the following as well - prescribe requirements, for ships "flying their flags" (see relevant remarks for regulation 4(1)).