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PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY

Outcome of MSC 81

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document reports on the outcome of MSC 81 with regard to passenger ship safety

Action to be taken: Paragraph 9

Related documents: MSC 81/25 and MSC 81/WP.6

GENERAL

1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-first session (10 to 19 May 2006) considered matters relating to passenger ship safety with the assistance of an *ad hoc* working group and took action, *inter alia*, on issues pertaining to the work of the Sub-Committee, as outlined in the ensuing paragraphs.

OUTCOME OF STW 37

2 MSC 81 noted that STW 37 had agreed that, pending approval of the Committee, ICCL should use the combined definition for 'safe areas' prepared by FP 50 to incorporate that concept into the relevant model courses and had invited MSC 81 to extend the target completion date to 2007, taking into account that it still had to consider the outcome of COMSAR 10 on matters related to the training of SAR personnel and seafarers with recovery responsibilities. Furthermore, MSC 81 having noted the recommendation of STW 37, instructed the Joint MSC/MEPC Working Group on Human Element to consider the need for guidelines for abandonment of ship alongside in port at its next session.

WORKING GROUP ON PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY

3 Having received the report of the working group (MSC 81/WP.6), MSC 81 took action as outlined in section 4 of the report of MSC 81 (MSC 81/25), as summarized hereunder for matters related to the Sub-Committee.

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Definitions of safe areas and safety centres

4 MSC 81 noted that the group had considered the draft definitions for safe areas and safety centres prepared by SLF 48 (SLF 48/21, paragraph 6.19.1) and FP 50 (FP 50/21, annex 1) together with document MSC 81/4/2 (United States and ICCL) and, having agreed to use the combined definition for safe areas to cover both fire and flooding casualties from the holistic point of view, had made minor modifications to the aforementioned definitions with a view to achieving clarity.

Guidance on recovery techniques

5 MSC 81 approved MSC.1/Circ.1182 on Guide to recovery techniques and endorsed the group's recommendation that the STW Sub-Committee be instructed to review relevant training requirements, taking into account the aforementioned Guide.

Guidance on cold water survival

6 MSC 81 approved MSC.1/Circ.1185 on Guide for cold water survival and instructed the STW Sub-Committee to review the relevant requirements for first aid training for seafarers to ensure that the main provisions of the revised guidance on the prevention and treatment of hypothermia are included.

Recovery arrangements for rescuing persons

7 MSC 81 agreed that the STW Sub-Committee should develop the relevant training standards after the DE Sub-Committee had developed performance standards for recovery systems for all types of ships. Accordingly, the Committee decided to include, in the Sub-Committee's work programme, a high priority item on "Development of training standards for recovery systems", with two sessions needed to complete the item.

Work plan

8 MSC 81 approved the revised work plan for the STW Sub-Committee as set out at annex.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

9 The Sub-Committee is invited to take note of the above information and take appropriate action.

ANNEX

REVISED WORK PLAN FOR PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY

No.	OBJECTIVES AND TASKS	Philosophy link [*]	Strategic goal link [*]	Areas to consider link ^{**}	Other bodies affected	Target comp. date	GENERAL COMMENTS
7	<i>To review human element issues with regard to operations, management and training with a view towards improving safety.</i> The STW Sub-Committee is instructed to review the guides for recovery techniques and cold water survival for matters related to training and advise MSC 83 accordingly.¹ ¹See document MSC 81/WP.6 for further guidance.	1.4 1.5	2.5 2.7	45 50 51 56 57	COMSAR	2007	MSC 81 approved an updated Guide for cold water survival which contains the latest information and supersedes the 1992 publication. Training standards should be updated accordingly with the latest information. MSC 81 approved a Guide to recovery techniques, which should be reviewed taking into account relevant training requirements.

* Numbers in these columns refer to the paragraphs contained in annex 1 of document MSC 79/WP.13.

** For references to the areas of consideration, refer to annex 2 of document MSC 75/WP.12.