



SUB-COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING
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Outcome of FSI 15

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides information on the report of the 2005 Paris MoU CIC on the GMDSS referred to the Sub-Committee by FSI 15
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related documents:</i>	FSI 15/INF.6, FSI 15/18 and MSC 83/28

1 The Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation, at its fifteenth session (4 to 8 June 2007), considered the report of the 2005 Paris MoU Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on the GMDSS which was conducted from 1 September to 30 November 2005 and involved 4,794 CIC inspections, leading to 29 (0.6%) detentions.

2 In this context, FSI 15 noted the following areas of possible concern contained in field reports from PSCOs:

- .1 cases of poor procedures regarding familiarization of operating on-board equipment, including emergency source of power supply and aerial arrangement;
- .2 non-compliance with proper procedures for testing of equipment at sea or prior to departure with coastal radio stations or properly validating those tests by retaining print outs or other records of acknowledgements;
- .3 delegation by some senior deck officers of their responsibility regarding radio operations to more junior deck officers, Masters not giving due diligence to the radio requirements other than a perfunctory signing of the radio logbook; and
- .4 reported radio noise pollution during critical periods of watch keeping affecting the concentration of the bridge watchkeepers or bridge team.

3 The Sub-Committee agreed that the above-mentioned findings should be referred to the STW Sub-Committee for information, together with the Paris MoU's recommendations that PSCOs be encouraged to continue to apply control under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, article X and regulation I/4, as appropriate; with particular reference to the requirements contained in regulation I/14 (Responsibilities of companies), paragraph 1.4 and section A-I/14, paragraph 2.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to take the above information into account and decide as appropriate.
