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CASUALTY ANALYSIS

Outcome of FSI 15

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the casualty of Cougar Ace as referred to the Sub-Committee by FSI 15

Action to be taken: Paragraph 5

Related documents: FSI 15/6/2, 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 document FSI 15/6/2 (Singapore) regarding the casualty to the **Cougar Ace**, which had experienced a severe listing while the ship was carrying out ballast water exchange operations, and proposing that a circular be issued to remind ships to comply with the minimal stability criteria stated in the Intact Stability Code, and refer to resolution A.868(20) on Guidelines for the control and management of ships' ballast water to minimize the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens and resolution MEPC.124(53) on Guidelines for Ballast Water Exchange (G6).

2 In this context, FSI 15 recalled that MSC 79 had approved, in 2004, MSC.1/Circ.1145 containing precautionary advice to Masters when undertaking Ballast Water Exchange operations and which should, at an appropriate time, be included in the Guidelines for Ballast Water Exchange, under development by the Organization.

3 Accordingly, FSI 15 agreed that the issuance of an MSC-MEPC circular was not necessary as sufficient guidance for Ballast Water Exchange operations existed, and invited the Committees to instruct the STW Sub-Committee to consider this issue in the context of training requirements for Ballast Water Exchange.

4 MSC 83 and MEPC 56 endorsed the request of FSI 15.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

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