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**DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES**

**Action requested of the Committee by MEPC 74**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) held its seventy-fourth session from 13 to 17 May 2019 and the report on that session will be circulated as MEPC 74/18. In order to facilitate the discussions at MSC 101, the Secretariat has reproduced below the list of actions that MEPC 74 has asked MSC to take, as will be included in the report of MEPC 74 (MEPC 74/18, paragraph 18.2):

- .1 take the concurrent decision to instruct the III Sub-Committee to consider the second consolidated audit summary report (CASR) and advise the MSC and MEPC accordingly (paragraph 2.4);
- .2 note that the Committee adopted, by resolutions MEPC.314(74), MEPC.316(74) and MEPC.317(74), amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, V, MARPOL Annex VI, and NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code 2008, respectively, to allow the use of Electronic Record Books; and resolution MEPC.312(74) on *Guidelines for the use of Electronic Record Books under MARPOL* (paragraphs 3.39, 3.45, 3.49 and 3.51, and annexes 1, 3, 5 and 6);
- .3 note that the Committee adopted, by resolution MEPC.318(74), amendments to the IBC Code; and by resolution MEPC.319(74), amendments to the BCH Code (paragraphs 3.53 and 3.57, and annexes 7 and 8);
- .4 in respect of consistent implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI:
  - .1 note that the joint industry guidance on potential safety and operational issues related to the supply and use of fuel oil with a maximum sulphur content of 0.50% m/m is expected to be released in August 2019 and that an e-learning course would be developed and made available by the end of the year (paragraph 5.13);

- .2 note the information provided by the observer from ISO on the preparation of a Publicly Available Specification (PAS) 23263 providing guidance as to the application of the existing ISO 8217 marine fuel standard to 0.50% compliant fuel oils, which was expected to be published later this year (paragraph 5.14);
  - .3 note that the Committee approved MEPC.1/Circ.864/Rev.1 on *2019 Guidelines for on board sampling for the verification of the sulphur content of the fuel oil used on board ships* (paragraph 5.29);
  - .4 concurrently approve a draft MSC-MEPC circular on the delivery of compliant fuel oil by suppliers, as set out in annex 14 to document PPR 6/20/Add.1;
  - .5 note that the Committee approved, in principle, the draft amendments to the *2010 Guidelines for monitoring the worldwide average sulphur content of fuel oils supplied for use on board ships* (paragraph 5.56);
  - .6 note that the Committee approved draft amendments to regulations 1, 2, 14 and 18, appendix I and appendix VI of MARPOL Annex VI with a view to further supporting the consistent implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit (paragraph 5.116 and annex 13);
  - .7 note that the Committee adopted resolution MEPC.320(74) on *2019 Guidelines for consistent implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI* (paragraph 5.117 and annex 14);
  - .8 note that the Committee adopted resolution MEPC.321(74) on *2019 Guidelines for port State control under MARPOL Annex VI Chapter 3* (paragraph 5.118 and annex 15);
  - .9 note that the Committee approved MEPC.1/Circ.881 on *Guidance for port State control on contingency measures for addressing non-compliant fuel oil* (paragraph 5.120);
  - .10 note that the Committee approved MEPC.1/Circ.882 on *Early application of the approved amendments to the verification procedures for a MARPOL Annex VI fuel oil sample* (paragraph 5.121);
  - .11 note that the Committee approved MEPC.1/Circ.883 on *Guidance on indication of ongoing compliance in the case of the failure of a single monitoring instrument*, and recommended actions to take if the EGCS fails to meet the provision of the Guidelines (paragraph 5.123); and
  - .12 note that the Committee approved MEPC.1/Circ.884 on *Guidance for Best practice for Member State/coastal State* (paragraph 5.125);
- .5 in respect of enhancement of the implementation of regulation 18 of MARPOL Annex VI:

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- .1 note that the Committee approved MEPC.1/Circ.887 on *Reporting of data related to fuel oil availability and quality in GISIS to promote greater understanding of the consistent implementation of the 0.50% m/m Sulphur limit under MARPOL Annex VI* (paragraph 5.47);
  - .2 note that the Committee instructed the Secretariat to update the existing tabs for regulations 18.1, 18.2.5 and 18.9.6 in the MARPOL Annex VI GISIS module for better functionality (paragraph 5.49);
  - .3 note that the Committee established a Correspondence Group on Data Collection and Analysis under Regulation 18 of MARPOL Annex VI, to be coordinated by the Secretariat, to investigate the reporting of additional items on GISIS and further usability improvements, if feasible and as appropriate (paragraph 5.50); and
  - .4 note that the Committee instructed the Secretariat to report to MEPC 75 a preliminary overview of data on fuel oil quality and availability currently available in GISIS as well as an overview of the current use of GISIS with reference to obligations under regulation 18 and 14; and to advise MSC 101 on the progress made on the new GISIS module for fuel oil safety matters (paragraph 5.51);
  - .6 note that the Committee approved the scope of work for the PPR, III and HTW Sub-Committees to progress the work of the relevant short-term actions under the Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships (paragraph 8.37);
  - .7 note that the Committee invited proposals for a new output to future sessions of MSC on progressing mandatory reporting of containers lost at sea and ways of communicating their location, and that the Committee requested the CCC and NCSR Sub-Committees to note the importance of the issue of lost containers at sea for addressing marine plastic litter from ships, as their expertise could be sought in future (paragraphs 8.38 and 8.39);
  - .8 concurrently approve the draft MSC-MEPC.2 circular on *2019 Guidelines for the carriage of blends of biofuels and MARPOL Annex I cargoes* (paragraph 10.7);
  - .9 concurrently endorse PPR.1/Circ.7 on *Updated decisions with regard to the categorization and classification of products* (paragraph 10.11);
  - .10 note that due to time constraints, the Committee deferred the consideration of the outcome of III 5 to MEPC 75 and instructed the III Sub-Committee to take necessary actions as per the instruction of MSC 101 (paragraph 11.3);
  - .11 note that the Committee agreed to discontinue its assessment of the capacity-building implications of new outputs related to amendments to mandatory instruments, given the difficulties in fully evaluating the implications of a new output before any amendments or other related mandatory instruments had been finalized for consideration (paragraph 13.6); and

- .12 note that the Committee agreed, in principle, that if MSC 101 approves the proposed new output as described in document MSC 101/21/16 (Liberia et al.) on the safety-related issue of harmonizing mandatory requirements relating to watertight doors on cargo ships in several IMO mandatory instruments, then MEPC should be involved as an associated organ (paragraphs 14.23 and 14.24).

**Action requested of the Committee**

- 2 The Committee is invited to note the action requested of it by MEPC 74 and consider it under the relevant agenda items.
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