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Outcome of A31: proposed amendments to MSC.1/Circ.1587 and MSC.1/Circ.1500/Rev.1

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document discusses the process of updating *the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)* and proposes amendments to MSC.1/Circ.1587 and MSC.1/Circ.1500/Rev.1

Strategic direction, if applicable: Other work

Output: OW 16

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related documents: MSC 102/2/2 and A 31/10/2

Background

1 This document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1) and provides comments on paragraph 5.1 of MSC 102/2/2.

2 The thirty-first session of the Assembly approved the recommendations of Committee 2 regarding document A 31/10/2 on the process of updating the *Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)*. In particular, the Assembly invited MSC 102 to consider the proposals made in document A 31/10/2 and take action as appropriate.

Introduction

3 The HSSC Survey Guidelines provide an invaluable link between the requirements in IMO agreed mandatory statutory instruments and the survey and certification of individual ships. In this regard, the HSSC Survey Guidelines are also considered to provide a vital reference source for conducting statutory surveys.

4 In general, IACS considers that the HSSC Survey Guidelines serve well the purpose outlined in paragraph 3 above. However, IACS has noted a number of instances where there is a lack of consistency between provisions in the IMO mandatory instruments and the HSSC Survey Guidelines, as discussed in A 31/10/2.

5 It is noted that the provisions in the annex to the *Guidance on drafting of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and related mandatory instruments* (MSC.1/Circ.1500/Rev.1), paragraph 3.2.1.3.10 and section 10 of part III of the check/monitoring sheet (process monitoring to be completed during the work process at the Sub-Committee and checked as part of the final approval process by the Committee), and corresponding parts of the *Procedural aspects related to the drafting of amendments to safety-related IMO conventions, other than the 1974 SOLAS Convention, and related mandatory instruments* (MSC.1/Circ.1587), do not explicitly refer to a check being made so that it is clear how compliance will be verified.

Proposals

6 In order to address the concerns discussed above and in consideration of the importance of the HSSC Survey Guidelines, it is proposed that paragraph 3.2.1.3.10 of annex and section 10 of part III of the check/monitoring sheet in annex 2 to annex of MSC.1/Circ.1500/Rev.1, and paragraph 3.1.3.9 in annex and section 9 of part III of the check/monitoring sheet in annex 1 to annex of MSC.1/Circ.1587 to be amended as follows:*

"all necessary related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments, including non-mandatory instruments, in particular the forms of certificates and records of equipment required in the instrument being amended, have been examined and included as part of the amendment(s). In particular, the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) should be amended to include detailed instructions on how to perform surveys directly linked to requirements in mandatory instruments that are, or by the time of adoption of the updated HSSC Survey Guidelines will be, in force. The HSSC Survey Guidelines should not include survey instructions for items which do not have a direct link to mandatory instruments."

Action requested of the Committee

7 The Committee is invited to consider the proposals in paragraph 6 above and take action as appropriate.

* Tracked changes are indicated using "grey shading" to highlight new insertions.
