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## BIENNIAL STATUS REPORT AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR SDC 11

### Proposal to transfer the output "Review of the 2009 Code on Alerts and Indicators" from the SSE Sub-Committee to the provisional agenda of SDC 11

Submitted by IACS

#### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document proposes to transfer the output "Review of the 2009 Code on Alerts and Indicators" from the SSE Sub-Committee onto the provisional agenda of SDC 11.

*Strategic direction, if applicable:* Other work

*Output:* Not applicable

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 13

*Related documents:* DE 55/21/2; MSC 89/22/10, MSC 89/25; MSC 92/26, annex 40 and SSE 10/17

#### Introduction

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-ninth session, agreed to include in its post-biennial agenda the output "Review of the 2009 Code on Alerts and Indicators" (resolution A.1021(26)), with two sessions needed to complete the item, assigning the DE Sub-Committee as the coordinator, in association with the NAV Sub-Committee when requested by the DE Sub-Committee (MSC 89/25, paragraph 22.25).

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-second session, following the restructuring of the Sub-Committees, allocated the review of the 2009 Code on Alerts and Indicators to the SSE Sub-Committee (MSC 92/26/Add.3, annex 40).

#### Background

3 The 2009 Code on Alerts and Indicators (the Code) was adopted by resolution A.1021(26) following the recommendations made by MSC 86 and MEPC 59. Since then, several IMO instruments which are referenced in the Code have been amended and several new IMO instruments have been introduced, necessitating corresponding changes and updates in the text of the Code.

4 Furthermore, resolution A.1021(26) requests MSC and MEPC to keep the Code under review and update it as necessary.

### **Discussion**

5 IACS has reviewed the Code to align it with the requirements of the IMO instruments which have been adopted and/or amended since the adoption of the Code, and to eliminate contradictions, ambiguities and unnecessary redundancies. The outcome of the review has been presented in the annex to document SSE 10/17 (IACS) in track changes, as explained in paragraphs 6 to 8 below.

6 There are several IMO instruments referenced in the Code which have been amended, necessitating corresponding changes and updates in the text of the Code. Furthermore, a number of editorial changes have been found necessary.

7 New alerts and indicators appear in the IMO instruments, which are already mentioned in the Code and, therefore, corresponding changes and updates in the text of the Code have become necessary.

8 There are a number of new alerts and indicators in a number of new IMO instruments, such as the IGF, 2023 Diving, OSV, IP and ISPS Codes, the 2021 EGCS Guidelines and the BWM Convention, necessitating corresponding additions in the text of the Code.

### **Proposals**

9 Considering the elapsed time since MSC's acceptance of the output in 2011 and availability of the draft changes of the Code as presented (for illustrative purposes, at this stage) in the annex to document SSE 10/17, IACS proposes to initiate the work on amending the Code in the 2024-2025 biennium, noting that it currently resides with the SSE Sub-Committee as the coordinating organ.

10 Also noting a significant load on the SSE Sub-Committee, it is proposed to consider inviting the Committee to transfer this output item onto the provisional agenda of SDC 11 in order to balance the workload between the two Sub-Committees.

11 Since SDC 10 will be meeting ahead of SSE 10 and MSC 108 will not consider the outcome of SSE 10, IACS proposes to consider that transfer and seek the agreement of MSC 108 thereto under its agenda item 15, i.e. Ship design and construction (Report of the tenth session of the Sub-Committee).

12 Also, due to the request of the twenty-sixth session of the IMO Assembly to MSC and MEPC (resolution A.1021(26)) to keep the Code under review and update it as necessary, the final draft of the revised Code should be considered by the appropriate sessions of MSC and MEPC for concurrent action.

### **Action requested of the Sub-Committee**

13 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the above information, the proposal in paragraphs 9 to 12 and take action, as appropriate.

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