



SUB-COMMITTEE ON FIRE PROTECTION
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Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the fifty-third session of the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection to be held
at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR
from Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 February 2009**

(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 16 February 2009)

Opening of the session

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Performance testing and approval standards for fire safety systems
- 4 Comprehensive review of the Fire Test Procedures Code
- 5 Measures to prevent explosions on oil and chemical tankers transporting low-flash point cargoes
- 6 Fire resistance of ventilation ducts
- 7 Guidelines for drainage systems in closed vehicle and ro-ro spaces and special category spaces
- 8 Clarification of SOLAS chapter II-2 requirements regarding interrelation between central control station and safety centre
- 9 Recommendation on evacuation analysis for new and existing passenger ships
- 10 Measures to prevent fires in engine-rooms and cargo pump-rooms
- 11 Development of provisions for gas-fuelled ships
- 12 Consideration of IACS unified interpretations
- 13 Fixed hydrocarbon gas detection systems on double-hull oil tankers

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- 14 Harmonization of the requirements for the location of entrances, air inlets and openings in the superstructures of tankers
- 15 Amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 related to the releasing controls and means of escape for spaces protected by fixed carbon dioxide systems
- 16 Means of escape from machinery spaces
- 17 Review of fire protection requirements for on-deck cargo areas
- 18 Explanatory notes for the application of the safe return to port requirements
- 19 Analysis of fire casualty records
- 20 Work programme and agenda for FP 54
- 21 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2010
- 22 Any other business
- 23 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Notes:

1 In accordance with the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.2):

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows:
 - .1 documents (including information documents submitted in hard copy only) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents), by 14 November 2008. As a general rule, documents, other than information documents, should not contain more than 50 pages. In the case of reports from working, drafting and correspondence groups and in other exceptional circumstances, this number of pages may be exceeded, provided that the aforementioned deadline is put back by one week for every 20 pages exceeding 50 pages;
 - .2 non-bulky documents (including information documents) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by 12 December 2008; and
 - .3 documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraph .1 above containing 4 pages or less, by 23 December 2008. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.10.5 of the aforementioned Guidelines;

- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
 - .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the above-mentioned Guidelines;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action which the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
 - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:

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| - font: | Times New Roman; |
| - font size: | 12; |
| - justification: | full; |
| - margins (inches): | 1 inch left, 0.75 inch right, 0.5 inch top and bottom; and |
| - margins (centimetres): | 2.54 cm left, 1.91 cm right, 1.27 cm top and bottom. |
- .4 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be accompanied by computer diskettes, preferably in Microsoft Word, or submitted via e-mail in Microsoft Word to IMO's e-mail address "info@imo.org", in which case hard copies of the documents should also be sent by mail or facsimile.

2 The MSC recommended the sub-committees to strictly observe the above provisions of the aforementioned Guidelines which, *inter alia*, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Governments or delegations.