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SHIP DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT

Report of the fifty-first session of the Sub-Committee

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	The Committee is invited to take action on matters emanating from DE 51 other than urgent matters on which it took action at MSC 84
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	As specified in documents considered by DE 51
<i>High-level action:</i>	As specified in documents considered by DE 51
<i>Planned output:</i>	As specified in documents considered by DE 51
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 2
<i>Related document:</i>	DE 51/28

1 The Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE) held its fifty-first session from 18 to 22 February 2008 and its report on that session was circulated under the symbol DE 51/28. The Committee, at its eighty-fourth session, considered urgent matters emanating from DE 51 and took action as recorded in sections 11 (Ship design and equipment) and 22 (Work programme) of its report (MSC 84/24).

2 The Committee is invited to:

- .1 note the Sub-Committee's outcome regarding the development of provisions for gas-fuelled ships (paragraphs 4.5 to 4.8*);
- .2 note the Sub-Committee's conclusion not to revisit the formula for determination of the required subdivision index R in SOLAS chapter II-1 (paragraph 8.23);
- .3 approve, subject to MEPC's concurrent decision, the draft MSC/MEPC circular on Blanking of bilge discharge piping systems in port (paragraph 18.16.7 and annex 11);

* References hereunder are to paragraphs of, and annexes to, the report of DE 51 (document DE 51/28).

- .4 approve the draft MSC circular on Interpretation of SOLAS regulations II-1/1.3 and II-1/3-6 (paragraphs 20.3 to 20.5 and annex 14);
 - .5 approve the draft amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5.2, with a view to adoption at MSC 86 (paragraph 21.2 and annex 15);
 - .6 note the view of the Sub-Committee that the prohibition of all new installations of asbestos on board ships might affect other IMO instruments which contain related provisions (paragraph 21.3);
 - .7 approve the draft MSC circular on Interpretation of SOLAS regulation III/16.1 (paragraph 22.3 and annex 16);
 - .8 note that the Sub-Committee, regarding the Committee's instruction to identify those non-mandatory instruments for which information on their implementation should be collected, supported, in general, the development of a GISIS module on non-mandatory requirements and recommendations to be kept updated by the Secretariat, and invited individual Member States to use the GISIS reporting facilities to enter information on the implementation of those requirements and recommendations and to upload the corresponding national legislation, as deemed appropriate (paragraph 25.8);
 - .9 approve the draft MSC circular on Unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-1/32.1 (paragraph 25.11 and annex 17); and
 - .10 approve the report in general.
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