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FORMAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Outcome of MSC 87

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides the outcome of MSC 87 related to formal safety assessment (FSA)
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	12.1
<i>High-level action:</i>	12.1.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	12.1.1.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 7
<i>Related document:</i>	MSC 87/26, section 18

Report of the FSA Experts Group established by MSC 86

1 The Committee will recall that, at its eighty-seventh session, it considered the report of the FSA Experts Group (MSC 87/18), providing the outcome of reviews of FSA studies on cruise ships, Ropax ships, LNG carriers and containerhips, in accordance with the FSA Guidelines (MSC/Circ.1023-MEPC/Circ.392, as amended) and the HEAP and FSA Guidance relating to the review of FSA studies (MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.6).

2 MSC 87, having considered the documents submitted by Denmark (MSC 87/18/2, MSC 87/18/3, MSC 87/18/4 and MSC 87/18/5), providing responses from the SAFEDOR experts who performed the aforementioned FSAs regarding the FSA Experts Group's report:

- .1 urged Member States to report their casualty investigations to the GISIS casualty database and, concerning various points listed in the group's report to improve the GISIS casualty data, referred them to the FSI Sub-Committee for consideration and advice;
- .2 decided that the final recommendations in each FSA study, if necessary, should be proposed by Member Governments to the Committee or relevant sub-committees (in case there are appropriate agenda items); and

- .3 agreed that the FSA Experts Group should preliminarily consider amendments to the FSA Guidelines and the HEAP and FSA Guidance, to advise the Committee how best to proceed with the matter.

FSA studies on dangerous goods transport with open-top containerships

3 MSC 87 also considered documents MSC 87/18/1 and MSC 87/INF.2 (Denmark), reporting on the FSA study on dangerous goods transport with open-top containerships carried out by SAFEDOR, the study of which focused on the transport of packaged dangerous goods classified "on-deck stowage only" in the holds of open-top containerships and agreed to refer the documents to the FSA Experts Group for review.

Outcome of MEPC 60

4 The Committee noted that MEPC 60 (MSC 87/18/6), having considered the report of the Working Group on Environmental Risk Evaluation Criteria (MEPC 60/WP.11) and noted the progress regarding CATS (cost to avert one tonne of oil spilled), had decided to re-establish the above working group at MEPC 62 and agreed to defer consideration of the FSA study on oil tankers until the environmental risk criteria are finalized.

Re-establishment of the FSA Experts Group

5 MSC 87, having re-established the FSA Experts Group and considered its report (MSC 87/WP.7), approved the report in general and took action as follows:

- .1 noted the group's agreement that the FSA study on dangerous goods transported in the holds of open-top containerships was in line with the FSA Guidelines;
- .2 decided that the final recommendations in the FSA study, if necessary, should be further investigated and proposed by Member Governments or international organizations to the Committee or relevant sub-committees;
- .3 as a general recommendation from the review on the FSA studies carried out by SAFEDOR, encouraged Member Governments and non-governmental organizations to conduct specific FSA studies with a view to improving regulations relating to maritime safety and protection of the marine environment; and
- .4 established a Correspondence Group on Formal Safety Assessment (FSA) and instructed it to prepare a draft revised FSA Guidelines and Guidance on the use of HEAP and FSA, for submission MSC 89.

Future arrangement of the FSA Experts Group

6 The Committee noted that the FSA Experts Group may need to be re-established at future sessions to review FSA studies, when instructed by the Committees.

Action requested of the Committee

7 The Committee is invited to note the above information.