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SAFESEANET OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS

Guidelines for exchanging MRS notifications through SSN

Submitted by MRS WG

<i>Summary</i>	This document presents the progress achieved by the MRS WG. In particular, it introduces the draft MRS guidelines validated by the MRS WG.
<i>Action to be taken</i>	As per paragraph 3
<i>Related documents</i>	a. SSN 20/4/1 b. HLSG 10, agenda item 10.3.2

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A dedicated working group aiming at improving the Mandatory Reporting Systems (MRS) data exchange via SSN was established at HLSG 8 (December 2012). Nine Member States participate in the MRS WG (DK, EE, FI, FR, IT, NO, PL, UK and SE).

The WG was tasked to provide the following deliverables:

- Definition of the business rules (BR) for MRS notifications in SSN: complete and validated at SSN 20 and HLSG 10.
- A technical proposal for improving the XML structure for both MRS notifications and the request/response mechanism: complete and validated at SSN 20 and HLSG 10.
- Drafting of guidelines to be used for MRS data exchange.
The aim is to provide a common understanding on MRS reporting in SSN. Without prejudicing the relevant IMO/MSC resolution requirements, such guidelines should clarify why, when and how to report to SSN.

2. CURRENT STATUS

The draft "Guidelines for exchanging MRS notifications through SSN" provides an overview of the relevant legislation, summarises the benefits of exchanging MRS information via SSN and provides guidance on how and when to report to SSN. Clarification on specific data attributes as well as on the procedure for setting-up regional cooperation in the case of a shared MRS is also included.

The document was distributed to the WG on 13th March 2014 and reflects the comments received by Denmark and Italy.

3. ACTION REQUIRED

The Member States are invited to approve the attached "Guidelines for exchanging MRS notifications through SSN".

Annex: Draft "Guidelines for exchanging MRS notifications through SSN"