

SafeSeaNet Workshop 21

SSN LOCODEs Guidelines

Agenda item 21.3.3

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Background

- **SSN WS 17 – Action point 13**

Include a chapter in the revision of the Operational Procedures document with the guidelines for the LOCODEs management.

- **SSN WS 18 – (SSN 18.3.6)**

Guidelines were presented as a stand-alone document and approved by SSN group.

- **SSN WS 19 – (SSN 19.3.3)**

Guidelines were amended to address specific issues noted after their implementation.

- **SSN WS 19 – Action point 5 and SSN WS 20 – Action point 1**

Investigate the most appropriate way of managing LOCODEs for off-shore installations at SSN level and reporting Hazmat to and from off-shore installations.

Management of LOCODEs for off-shore installations

Following an investigation on this topic it is proposed to:

- use only UNECE locations with function 7 when clear evidence that they are off shore;
- create at SSN level a common list of off-shore installations;
- include under SSN Specific locations EUROSTAT codes to be used when the country is known, but the specific off-shore installation is unknown.

Proposed changes for version 1.3

1. Section 2.1.1 (page 5) and Section 3.1 (page 8)

To add a sentence which states that only UNECE LOCODEs with function 7 that are confirmed by reliable sources as being off-shore installations will be used in SSN.

2. Section 2.1.2 - SSN Specific LOCODEs (page 6):

To include the EUROSTAT codes for off-shore installations in SSN (if country is known, but off-shore installation is unknown).

The format is the ISO 3166 two-letter country Code plus the "88P" (e.g. **DK88P** for off-shore installation in the Danish waters).

Proposed changes for version 1.3

3. Section 3.7 - How to create a LOCODE for off-shore installation (page 11):

- To include a new procedure on how to create a LOCODE for off-shore installation.
- To add a sentence that LOCODEs for off-shore installations should be used as a Last or Next Port of Call in SSN.

4. Annex 2 – Off-shore installations in SSN

To create in Annex 2 a unique list of off-shore installations that can be used in SSN system.

Reporting vessels carrying Hazmat to and from off-shore installations

The following procedures are proposed:

- Whenever a vessel leaves an EU port for an off-shore installation with Hazmat on board, this should be reported as an EU Departure Hazmat.
- Whenever a vessel leaves an off-shore installation for an EU port, this should be reported as a Non-EU Hazmat Departure.

If agreed, these procedures will be included in the guidelines on reporting Hazmat in SSN (reference in section 3.7 of SSN LOCODEs Guidelines)

Harmonisation of the LOCODEs between SSN and EUROSTAT

Background:

DK reported to EMSA some discrepancies between SSN and EUROSTAT LOCODEs.

Actions taken:

1. EMSA contacted EUROSTAT and reported this issue.
2. EUROSTAT provided to EMSA the latest draft list of their LOCODEs
3. EMSA made an initial comparison between the SSN and EUROSTAT LOCODEs.

Initial findings:

- The SSN system contains **18441** LOCODEs (UNECE and SSN Specific) and the EUROSTAT **2588**.
- **302** EUROSTAT LOCODEs are not in SSN.

The EUROSTAT locations missing in SSN were grouped as follows:

	GROUP 1 Locations available on the UNECE list but with the functions different than 1 (port) or 7 (e.g. off-shore installations);	GROUP 2 Locations used when the country is known but the specific port is unknown (COUNTRY CODE + 888). It was detected that this list also contains the countries without access to the sea (9 countries);	GROUP 3 Locations to identify ship to ship transfer in the area of specific country (COUNTRY CODE + 88R);	GROUP 4 Locations to identify aggregates extraction areas in the area of specific country (COUNTRY CODE + 88Q);
No of locations	97	73	37	36
No of LOCODEs	97	71	26	26
Comments	These LOCODEs do not correspond to port locations and off-shore installations as per UNECE list.	SSN system will be updated but only to include the countries having access to the sea.	It is proposed to add this group of LOCODEs to SSN and to create them under SSN Specific.	These locations/operations are outside of the scope of VTMISS Directive.

The EUROSTAT locations missing in SSN were grouped as follows:

	GROUP 5 Locations to identify offshore installations of specific country (COUNTRY CODE + 88P);	GROUP 6 Locations to identify ports in the specific areas such as German ports in the Baltic Sea or German ports on Elbe, etc.;	GROUP 7 Locations to identify ports on the specific rivers;	GROUP 8 Others.	TOTAL
No of locations	35	30	8	19	335
No of LOCODEs	25	30	8	19	302
Comments	It is proposed to add this group of LOCODEs to SSN and to create them under SSN Specific.	To identify a port, SSN uses dedicated LOCODE for this port. In case the name of the port is unknown but the country is known LOCODEs from GROUP 2 should be used (e.g. DE 888).		There are UNECE LOCODEs that SSN uses for some of these locations (12 of them) or that there are small locations with no traffic under scope of VTMIS Directive.	

Proposed changes for version 1.3

5. Section 2.1.2 – SSN Specific LOCODEs (page 5)

To include the EUROSTAT codes for ship to ship transfer.

The format: “**two letters**” identifying the country (according to the ISO 3166 two-letter Code) plus the “**88R**”
(e.g. **DK88R** for ship to ship transfer in the Danish waters).

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Why?

Reporting of Ship-to-Ship activities forms part of the Security Notification.

XMLRG v3.0 states that the Location of such activities may be defined by providing one of the following: **LOCODE**, Latitude/Longitude or Location Name.

Actions required

Member States are invited to:

- Provide feedback and approve the amended SSN LOCODEs Guidelines;
- Provide the list of off-shore installations to be included in SSN (to MSS by end May 2014);
- Provide feedback and approve the procedure for reporting vessels carrying Hazmat to and from off-shore installations, and;