

Revision of the Data Quality checks

SSN 26.5.2

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The changes in the information reported via SSN v.3 requires the data quality checks to be updated. The proposed changes are:

- Comparison of the provided Waste and Security messages with the valid exemptions. Purpose: detect any possible missing message.
- Verification that the request-response mechanism works for each MS for the detailed part of the same messages. It is a technical check.
- Verification of the detailed part of the messages. Purpose: detect any missing piece of information.

The list of current and planned availability and data quality checks can be found in the annex of the document SSN 26.5.2.

- Any information system such as SSN needs to be assessed: typically it is verified the completeness of data, validity (against references), accuracy, consistency, availability and timeliness
- Since 2007 there is a close follow up of the MS implementation. Since then, the diversity and accuracy of checks steadily grew, based on feedback provided by the MS
- The positive evolution of the SSN system is the outcome of a relationship based on mutual trust and common goals.
- It is the combined effort of the MS, EMSA and COM

The effectiveness of the Directive “depends greatly on the Member States enforcing its implementation strictly”

How:

- Ensuring the communication links are operating, and
- Introducing a system of sanctions to ensure that parties concerned comply with the reporting requirements.

EMSA Administrative Board at its 16th meeting (24 November 2006) entrusted the MSS (among others) with the task of ensuring the quality of SSN data.

Maritime Support Services (MSS)

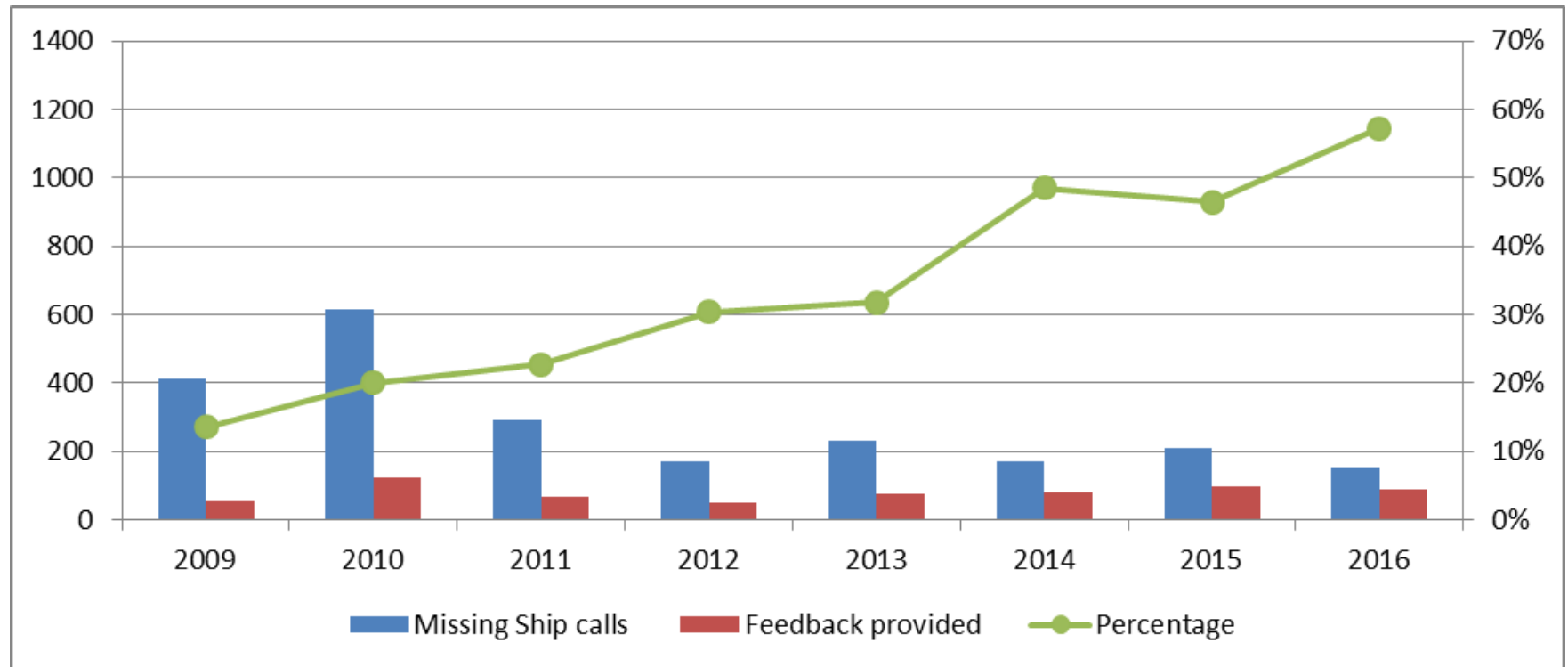
The 24/7 EMSA service responsible for monitoring the EU maritime transport operational systems (in particular SSN) for the exchange between MS (and some participating third countries) of information on ships, their voyages, their cargoes and incidents at sea (including accidents and pollution).

The MSS is permanently monitoring the data quality in, and the performance and continuity of, the operational systems. It also provides a helpdesk facility to the SSN Community and supports the prompt mobilisation of EMSA's contracted oil pollution response vessels following a MS request.

EMSA's MSS is the service supporting MS implementation.

The quality checks must be agreed by both parties, must be meaningful and the result has to target the overall improvement of the SSN system.

MS should follow up the reported issues by the MSS. We can compare statistical figures on the feedback provided when reported missing ship calls:



CONCLUSIONS

- Quality checks are needed to maintain and further improve the SSN system.
- MS should follow up the reported issues.
- Feedback from the MS is necessary so quality checks “fit for purpose”. It is a joint task.

ACTION REQUIRED

Member States are invited to note the information and provide their feedback.



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