



10th SSN/LRIT Group Meeting

Revision of SSN Operational documentation

Agenda item 10.3.2

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Background



- At the previous meeting, it was agreed to revise the SSN operational documentation to reflect the changes of SSN v5
- The following documents need to be revised:
 - Interface and Functionalities Control Document (IFCD)
 - SSN PortPlus Guidelines
 - Incident Report Guidelines
 - SSN Common Operational procedures
 - SSN User Interface manual
 - SSN v5 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) (new document)
- Regarding the update of the IFCD, COM/EMSA will first propose to the HLSG the Terms of Reference of IFCD working group and the associated time plan
- The Incident Report Guidelines will continue to be revised by the IRWG as agreed by the HLSG and the SSN User Interface manual will be updated during 2022 with an online version

SSN PortPlus Guidelines



The SSN PortPlus Guidelines document was updated in line with the scope of the new SSN v5 for PortPlus notifications to reflect the exchange of information on:

- persons sailing on board passenger ships for search and rescue purposes as required by Directive 98/41/EC
- revised advance waste notification and the waste delivery receipt, and the subsequent transmission to THETIS-EU
- The revised draft v1.3 presented in Annex 1 includes the changes in track changes. Please note that the diagrams in the document still need to be updated

SSN Common Operational procedures



The SSN Common Operational procedures were updated. The impact of the new SSN v5 is more limited in this document as the operational procedures remain unchanged with the new version.

The revised draft v2.2 presented in Annex 2, includes the following changes:

- Inclusion of the AIS data retransmission procedure (pending since previous revision)
- Deletion of the Single Hull Tanker early warning procedure (no longer required)
- Minor changes in line with SSN v5

SSN v5 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



- Compiled by EMSA based on emails received by the MSS with questions on the new SSN v5 implementation and testing
- Provides a non-exhaustive list of questions and answers.
- v1.0 was published by EMSA on 18 August 2021 (see Annex 3). The aim is to issue regular updates during the SSN transition to version 5
- The information in this document is provided without prejudice to any formal legal interpretation, and with the sole purpose of assisting and sharing some of the more common technical questions and issues encountered.

Actions required

Member States are invited to review and provide comments on the SSN operational documents by 3 November 2021

- EMSA will revise the comments received and prepare new draft versions for validation and thereafter to the next HLSG meeting for approval (tentative date December 2021)



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