**NEWSLETTER**

**QUALITY SHIPPING, SAFER SEAS, CLEANER OCEANS**

**STAND-BY SERVICE**

Will be deactivated from 17 October. The new Equasis shortcut new content will be as easy as launching the mobile app, which is currently planned are nine optical and 11 radar images. The Agency for cooperation with the participating states. EMSA’s Oil Spill Recovery vessel participates in Balex Delta exercise. On 26 August, EMSA’s OIL SPILL RECOVERY VESSEL EARNS HIGHS IN BALEX DELTA EXERCISE. On 26 August, EMSA took part in the operational pollution response exercise Balex Delta 2020 organised by the Estonian Police and Border Guard, and with the participation of the Baltic Member States, thus providing a good opportunity for cooperation with the participating states. The Agency manages the standard oil spill recovery vessel in the Baltic Sea (north-based in Malmö, Sweden). The vessel simulated oil spill response by using its rigid sweeping arms and a simulated ship-to-ship transfer operations with some of the other participating vessels. In addition, one lightweight RPAS on board Norden, with a pilot, also provided maritime surveillance and live video streaming made available to the exercise operators. The Baltic Seaesser 2020 exercise was conducted by the Estonian Police and Border Guard, and with the participation of the Baltic Member States, thus providing a good opportunity for cooperation with the participating states.

**EMSA PROVIDES SATELLITE IMAGES TO ASSIST IN THE MAURITIUS BULK CARRIER ACCIDENT**

On 25 July, the bulk carrier Wakashio grounded south east of the island of Mauritius. The oil spill response exercise Balex Delta 2020 organised by the Estonian Police and Border Guard, and with the participation of the Baltic Member States, thus providing a good opportunity for cooperation with the participating states.

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**PUBLISHED 4TH AMENDING REGULATION FOR MED**

On 12 August, the official Journal of the European Union published the 4th Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/210 on marine equipment. This publication concludes the annual project that EMSA carries out every year in support of the European Commission. To update the list of more than 300 equipment items and associated performance and testing standards under the Maritime Equipment Directives, EMSA carried out several consultation rounds with member state experts, industry and relevant stakeholders. The Regulation has also been published in the recently created EMSA MED portal.

**EMSA FOCUSES ON REMOTE SURVEYS IN THE BALTIC**

As of one of its core activities and in its role to assist the Commission in verifying the implementation of the EU’s maritime legislation, EMSA conducts inspections of Recognised Organisations (ROs), i.e. organisations (also known as classification societies) that survey and certify ships on behalf of flag States. EMSA inspections, on average 18 per annum, are made both at the shipyards and on-board ships. With the COVID-19 crisis, ROs have partly replaced their regular on-board surveys by so-called remote surveys, i.e. without surveysors attending the ships. Following a request by the Commission, EMSA has engaged in a desk top exercise to analyse how the ROs are dealing with these remote surveys. This information is currently being assessed by EMSA and will be followed up through remote inspections from the EMSA’s office; if regular inspections would not be possible in the future due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**VACANCIES**

Project Officer for RPAS Operations and RTM 16/09/2020 (Closing: 15/10/2020)
Project Officer for RTM Operations 16/09/2020

**PROVISIONAL: Assessment Study of the EMSA’s monitoring system and index necessary to establish or extend the coverage of AIS national networks of Africa and Mediterranean (30/09/2020). See the most recent assessment on the EMSA website**

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**SURVEYSEANET WEB APPLICATION CALL FOR TENDER**

SurveySeanet Exploitation Data Centre service has allowed EU member state authorities and EU Agencies to follow RPAS missions in real time by delivering live RPAS sensor data in support of authorities involved in coast guard functions. EMSA is currently flying six operations in parallel and has given the green light of the CPRS user community to launch the service and to improve the existing RPAS DC service, with a focus on reliability, robustness and ease of use. Taking advantage of the best technology currently available on the market, the future DPS DC service will provide web-based video and map interface to follow in real-time the flight of an RPAS. The survey will also allow users to schedule RPAS missions and retrieve the data collected during the missions for post-mission analysis. SunSeaweed will also provide a collaborative environment where operational stakeholders can communicate and share information with features like chatrooms, Wiki, file repository, task management and calendar.

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