EMSA holds stakeholder consultation on first-ever European maritime safety report

A major landmark in the development of the first European Maritime Safety Report took place this January. EMSA stakeholders gathered online for a consultation workshop. During the session, the draft report was further discussed and the final consultation and factual content of wide range of maritime safety topics was presented. Feedback and comments were invited to discuss and debate the content and approach. In addition, stakeholders were invited to participate in an external consultation organized by the International maritime Organization (IMO) and the European Commission maritime administration. EMSA would like to thank its stakeholders for being one of the EMSA’s great landmarks on the road to delivering the maritime safety report.

EMSA Launches Cargosafe study on Container Ship fires

EMSA has signed a contract for the delivery of a safety study on container fires. The study on containerised cargo fires, following the structure of Formal Safety Assessment of IMO. The objective of the study is to identify the technical and operational risk of fires onboard container vessels. The contract has been awarded to a consortium led by DBI (Danish Institute of Fire and Security Technology) supported by RISO (Research Institute of Sweden) and EEMSA (Emilia Romagna Marine Technology Lab). This is a follow-up on the previous successful study of drift drifting containers using satellite images, 14 potential containers were detected drifting south west off the Azores archipelago. Following a request for emergency phase of the contingency plan. In two of the planned scenarios, drift drifting containers were detected using EMSA’s Earth Observation Services. EMSA is keen to gather more technical information on a number of subjects, including the role of short sea shipping in the European Transport Community (EFC). The technical readiness of alternative sources of energy, and trends for an environmental management system. This saw EMSA hit major certification milestones across all activities.

EMSA Hitting Major Certification Milestones Across All Activities

A major milestone in May 2022 was the successful external audit of the EMSA held on 6 and 7 December. The audit confirmed the achievement of ISO 9001 certification for EMSA’s internal quality management system. ISO 9001 is the most widely used management system in the world, currently recognized in over 180 countries. This successful audit confirms EMSA’s ability to comply with the requirements of the ENP countries (FGIII) (15/2/2022). See website for more.

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In a recent maritime safety operation, coordinated by the NMC Delgada, search and rescue operation is directed to an unknown vessel. The NMC Delgada reported that the M/V Madrid Bridge, a cargo ship, is probably leaking oil in waters of the south west of the Azores archipelago. Full investigation is ongoing and Portuguese coastguard have been deployed in the vicinity of an incident.

Exploring the possibility of using remotely operated vehicles for underwater survey in the context of European maritime transport

EMSA has launched a preliminary market consultation on using remotely operated vehicles (ROV) for the purpose of accident investigation. The idea is to determine the technical, operational and financial feasibility of setting up a new operational service for accident investigation Board’s (including investigation of underwater survey services using ROV). The preliminary market consultation will gather knowledge and understanding of technical structure, potential costs and cost estimates for the various type of operations. It is expected that the services could be used in the aftermath of any serious and serious marine casualties which has led to the losses of life. ROVs capable of being expected to offer variable added value to accident investigation through various types of operations to improve our understanding of underwater survey services using ROV. Although these studies are underway, expert and forum consultation is necessary to deliver key results and conclusions. The preliminary consultation process is open until 1 February 2023 and its results will be presented to IMO as soon as they become available.

EMSA EARTH OBSERVATION SERVICES DETECT DRIFTING CONTAINERS

EMSA’S EARTH OBSERVATION SERVICES were jointly by EMSA and the EEA last September, EMTER is launched

Launched on 3 February, EMSA’s Executive Director, Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac and the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA) Mr Hans Bruyninckx jointly hosted an online event to introduce EMTER to a wider audience. EMTER is a report to EP’s Environment and IT Security Management. The report to EP’s Environment and IT Security Management. The report was presented in the context of the new landmark in EMSA’s ambition to deliver exceptional services to our oceans, our coastlines, and the air we breathe through technological developments in the maritime transport sector. The consultation process is open until 1 February 2023.