EXTENSION OF EU ETS TO MARITIME: FIFTH WEBINAR NOW ONLINE FOR MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS

On 18 March, EMSA, together with the European Commission’s Directorate General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), held the fifth webinar for industry and maritime stakeholders on the extension of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) to the maritime transport sector. The webinar addressed the issue of Administering Authority attribution and opening of accounts in the Union Registry. The webinar is now available to view online. In parallel, EMSA, together with DG CLIMA, has published a full set of resources through an information hub on the extension of the EU ETS to maritime and changes to the MRV maritime Regulation. The information hub has also been updated with a full set of questions and answers on the Monitoring Plan.

SECOND WORKSHOP ON HNS IN PACKAGED FORM

In mid-March, EMSA organised a workshop under the Consultative Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (CTG MPPR), hosted by the Swedish Coast Guard in Malmö. The workshop gathered experts from across the EU Member States to focus on how to respond to incidents involving hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) transported in packaged form. The workshop also addressed the transport of dangerous and polluting goods according to International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code requirements. Experts took part in tabletop exercises and practical demonstrations during the workshop and were able to exchange experiences and best practices during the three-day session.

EMSA FACTS AND FIGURES 2023 NOW AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEBSITE

The EMSA Facts and Figures publication is now available to download from the EMSA website. The publication is a shortened account of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report which details how EMSA has implemented the annual tasks set out in the work programme contained in the Agency’s Single Programming Document (2023-2025). It contains an overview of our main activities and projects throughout the course of 2023 across our main lines of action.

CISE STAKEHOLDERS WORK TOGETHER ON THE NEW SERVICE CATALOGUE

On 14 March, EMSA held an informal workshop focused on defining a more comprehensive version of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) Catalogue. The workshop brought together a number of representatives from different maritime authorities, all with considerable experience in implementing CISE from technical, operational, and managerial angles. During the workshop, the participants brainstormed about the Catalogue contents and its structure, and about how to keep it updated and accessible to all CISE Stakeholders. This exercise aims at ensuring that maritime authorities using CISE can remain updated about the information available in the network and can keep each other informed about which information others expect them to provide. In addition, it is envisaged that the enhanced Catalogue should serve maritime authorities both for planning and
EMSA HOSTS ECGFF WORKING GROUP ON MARITIME SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

From March 19th to 21st, the European Coast Guard Functions Forum workshop on Maritime Situational Awareness took place in EMSA’s headquarters, held in cooperation with the Portuguese Presidency of the European Coast Guard Functions Forum (ECGFF), through the Portuguese National Maritime Authority and the National Republican Guard. The workshop focused on the theme ‘Exploring cutting-edge tools and technologies to enhance coast guard operations: a workshop on maritime situational awareness’. The workshop brought together participants from 21 countries, as well as representatives of EU Agencies and bodies, and facilitated the exchange of strategies and best practices for utilizing the latest technological advancements in coast guard operations. Addressing the workshop, our Executive Director, Maja Marković Kostelac, reminded delegates of the importance of working together. “Underpinning our coordinated response is cooperation,” she said. “Cooperation between EU Agencies, cooperation between EU Agencies and coastguard authorities, as well as our international presence and commitments.”

PROCUREMENT: Service contract for stand-by oil spill recovery vessels: Lot 1 - Black Sea South Lot 2 - Canary Islands and Madeira (22/04/2024); Provision of Certification and Accreditation Support Services for the Classified CISE Network – support to accreditation (22/04/2024); Study on Evacuation Procedures using Large Lifeboats (exceeding 150 persons) (30/04/2024); Provision of Technical and Operational Support Services during the CISE Operational Phase (03/05/2024)

See website for more.

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