

## Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> SafeSeaNet Group Meeting

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**Agenda item: Waste Working Group - progress report**

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| <b>Summary</b>            | Presents the progress of the Waste working group on amending the Waste business rules to reflect the revised Annex II of Directive 2000/59/EC   |
| <b>Action to be taken</b> | As per paragraph 3.   |
| <b>Related documents</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities, as amended by Commission Directive (EU) 2015/2087</li> <li>b. Directive 2010/65/EU on reporting formalities</li> <li>c. HLSG 15 and 16, Agenda item 4.2</li> </ul> |

### 1. Background

At their meeting on 7 July, the High Level Steering Group (HLSG) agreed the business rules for the waste message, as discussed and elaborated by the waste expert group. The HLSG decided that the table in Annex I of the Business Rules (i.e. definition of the fields) should be updated in accordance with suggestions received after the meeting of the working group held on 15 March. The Business Rules and the revised Annex were circulated to the HLSG members on 14 July.

### 2. Current Status

A second meeting of the waste expert group took place on 22 September in Brussels. The Commission informed the participants that no further proposals for changes to the document distributed on 14 July 2016 had been received, and that the changes proposed by the HLSG to the Waste Business Rules were therefore considered as approved.

This meeting mainly discussed the issue of how the information from the waste message, and also exemptions, will be relayed from the central SSN system to THETIS-EU for the purpose of developing an operational alert to facilitate the monitoring and enforcement of Directive 2000/59/EC and compliance with Art 12.3 of the PRF Directive. During the meeting, the participants received further clarification relating to the query raised by Italy regarding (food) waste, and the Annex to the Waste Business Rules was updated accordingly. The expert group also discussed the relationship between waste incident reporting in SSN and the operational alerts under THETIS EU, and the way in which information from waste inspections should be relayed between the systems so that a truly common information system can be created.

Germany raised a number of questions relating to the technical implementation of the revised business rules, but it was agreed that, since these concern the SSN XML Reference Guide, they should be referred to the SSN Group for consideration when developing SSN v.4.

It is planned that the updated Waste Business Rules will be presented for approval at HLSG (12 October 2016), and that the approved rules will be distributed to the SSN Group during the meeting.

### **3. Actions required**

Member States are invited to take note of the information provided.