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[CG SECA Terms of Reference (ToR)]

According to the decision of HELCOM MARITIME 14 the Group's ToR has been amended to include matters related to exhaust gas cleaning technology and associated legislation. In line with the revised ToR the Correspondence Group is instructed to carry out initial exchanges in 2014 and more in-depth work 2015-2016 in order to:

1. Carry out general information exchange regarding implementation of MARPOL Annex VI SECA regulations;
2. Provide input to a joint HELCOM enforcement actions based on systematic evaluations and the objective of achieving efficient and cost effective enforcement within the SOx Emission Control Area (SECA), including:
 - considering follow-up of observed violations - i.e. by notifying the next port through port state control (PSC) or other means of contact;
 - samplings of fuels;
 - considering possible joint, cost effective aerial surveillance or surveillance by ground based monitoring facilities including common standards;
3. In order to ensure a harmonized application, exchange views on the use of exhaust gas cleaning technology and consider:
 - ~~— measures and precautions to be taken when ships exhaust gas cleaning systems are not operating accordingly or when the equipment is damaged, with the aim to address the problem in IMO;~~
 - ~~— measures acceptable to the Contracting States to ensure compliance with MARPOL VI regulation 3 1.2, when the above situation occurs;~~
 - environmental impacts and relevant regulations (international, European, regional, national or local) related to the discharge of wash water from Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) into the Baltic Sea (international/territorial waters), estuaries and ports;
 - management of waste generated by EGCS related legislation and other issues, e.g. composition of waste, port reception facilities, application of no-special-fee system, etc.;

- ~~any possible conflict between provisions of MARPOL Annex V and Annex VI related to waste from scrubbers;~~
- a possible need for additional amendments of the IMO Guidelines adopted by MEPC.184(59) "2009 Guidelines for Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems" (approval of EGCS, wash water criteria, other) and the IMO Resolution MEPC. 219(63) 2012 "Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V";
- 4. Streamline the work closely with the activities already going on in the IMO, the European Commission (including ESSF and its sub-groups), ~~and~~ in Paris MoU and other relevant activities;
- 5. Follow activities and developments at international level in the field of enforcement measures in other SOx ECA areas (North Sea, North America ECA).
- 5-6. Consider possible revision of 1990 Helsinki Convention Annex IV concerning inclusion of a reference to MARPOL Annex VI particularly related to SECA.

In terms of working procedures the Correspondence Group will:

- be established for the period 2014-2016;
- carry out initial exchanges in 2014 and remaining matters 2015-2016;
- report to meetings of the HELCOM Maritime Working Group;
- be led by Sweden;
- be open to HELCOM Contracting Parties and Observers;
- as far as possible work via correspondence, but convene if need arises.