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Background

HOD 55-2018 Meeting agreed that the following recommendations under Maritime Working group will be reported by the Contracting Parties to support the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan:

- 10-5 Guidelines for the Establishment of Adequate Reception Facilities in Ports
- 12-5 Promotion of The Use of Safer Tankers While Carrying Oil
- 18-2 Offshore Activities
- 22-1 Installation of Toilet Retention Systems and Standard Connections for Sewage on Board Existing Fishing Vessels, Working Vessels and Pleasure Craft
- 22-3 Unified Interpretations to Ensure a Harmonized and Effective Implementation of the Strategy for Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Wastes and Associated Issues
- 28E-10 Application of the No-Special-Fee System to Ship-Generated Wastes and Marine Litter Caught in Fishing Nets in The Baltic Sea Area
- 19-10-R Application by the Baltic Sea States of Guidelines for Holding Tanks/Oily Water Separating or Filtering Equipment for Ships of Less Than 400 Gross Tonnage.

The attached document contains an overview of the reporting by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden. The validation of the references for the recommended actions that have been reported accomplished is partly still ongoing.

Summary tables of the implementation status of the Recommendations by country are included as Annex 1. All answers and additional information reported by the countries are included in the Excel table in document 3-5-Att.1.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the reporting results and clarify any remaining uncertainties in evaluation of implementation;
- agree on the evaluation of implementation of the HELCOM Recommendations; and
- discuss the possibility to implement remaining recommended actions by 2021.

Overview of reporting on HELCOM Recommendations under Maritime Working Group

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The Contracting Parties were invited to answer if each recommended action in the Recommendations were accomplished. Paragraphs recommending joint regional actions were not included in the reporting.

Answers were received from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden.

Level of implementation

The implementation of Recommendations by country is included in Annex 1 and all answers and additional information reported by countries is included in Excel table.

10-5 Guidelines for the Establishment of Adequate Reception Facilities in Ports

All but one of the nine countries reported that the Recommendation is fully implemented.

12-5 Promotion of The Use of Safer Tankers While Carrying Oil

There were many different interpretations on the implementation of this Recommendation. The countries referred to relevant IMO and EU regulations, but the answers ranged between “yes”, “not applicable”, “no” and “no information”. The group should find common interpretation for accomplishment of this Recommendation.

18-2 Offshore Activities

The Recommendation is fully implemented by three countries. Some countries reported that the Recommendation is not applicable since no offshore activities are conducted.

22-1 Installation of Toilet Retention Systems and Standard Connections for Sewage on Board Existing Fishing Vessels, Working Vessels and Pleasure Craft

All nine countries reported that the Recommendation is implemented.

22-3 Unified Interpretations to Ensure a Harmonized and Effective Implementation of the Strategy for Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Wastes and Associated Issues

All nine countries reported that the Recommendation is implemented.

28E-10 Application of the No-Special-Fee System to Ship-Generated Wastes and Marine Litter Caught in Fishing Nets in The Baltic Sea Area

The Recommendation is well implemented except for the action “the litter caught in fishing nets be covered by the “no-special-fee” system”. There was a suggestion to revise the Recommendation.

19-10-R Application by the Baltic Sea States of Guidelines for Holding Tanks/Oily Water Separating or Filtering Equipment for Ships of Less Than 400 Gross Tonnage

Seven countries out of nine reported that the Recommendation is implemented.

Annex 1. Implementation of HELCOM Recommendations under Maritime Working Group

10-5 Guidelines for the Establishment of Adequate Reception Facilities in Ports

Recommended action	DK	EE	FI	DE	LV	LT	PL	RU	SE
c) require those responsible for reception facilities where noxious liquid substances are unloaded to receive the tank washings resulting from the application of pre-wash procedures;	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
d) ensure that no tankers are loaded at places where no adequate arrangements have been made for the reception of ballasts or of tank washings containing cargo residues for noxious liquid substances which might have been removed from the ship in order to enable loading to be carried out;	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
e) ensure that no tankers are repaired at places where no adequate arrangements have been made for the reception of ballast water or tank washings containing cargo residues of noxious liquid substances which has to be removed from the ship in order to enable repair work to be carried out;	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
f) promote the use of shore reception facilities for residues and wastes from ships by making such facilities and services available at reasonable cost or without charging special fees to the individual ships.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	On-going	Yes	Yes

12-5 Promotion of The Use of Safer Tankers While Carrying Oil

Recommended action	DK	EE	FI	DE	LV	LT	PL	RU	SE
promote the use of environmentally safer oil tankers by reduction of navigational or other similar fees - either exactly as expressed or by other means e.g. reduction of total tonnage constituting the base for such fees - for tankers equipped with double bottoms or otherwise arranged for efficient reduction of the accidental outflow of oil	Yes	Not applicable	Yes	No information	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable	No

18-2 Offshore Activities

Recommended action	DK	EE	FI	DE	LV	LT	PL	RU	SE
a) the exploration or exploitation activity in the Baltic Sea Protected Areas (BSPA) should be excluded	No such activities in MPAs	No such activities in MPAs	Not applicable	No such activities in MPAs	No such activities in MPAs	No such activities in MPAs	No such activities in MPAs	No such activities in MPAs	No such activities in MPAs
b) the area in which any offshore exploration or exploitation activity is proposed to begin, should be environmentally assessed before the activity is permitted to start. In the case of exploitation, the outcome of this assessment should be notified to the Commission. While offshore exploration or exploitation activities are in progress, the sea-bed, water column and benthos around the site should be monitored as appropriate in view of the environmental conditions of the area concerned	Yes	Yes	Not applicable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
c) the use of oil-based drilling muds should be avoided. If this is not possible, the oil-based drilling muds and cuttings arising from the use of oil-based drilling muds should not be discharged in the Baltic Sea Area but taken ashore for final treatment and/or disposal in an environmentally acceptable way;	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

d) drilling cuttings arising from the use of water-based drilling muds should preferably be treated in waste water treatment plants ashore. Discharges of drilling cuttings arising from the use of water-based drilling muds are not permitted in specifically sensitive parts of the Baltic Sea Area (see para e) of the Attachment to this Recommendation). Discharge of such cuttings in other parts of the Baltic Sea Area could be permitted only provided that (please see the recommendation for the conditions)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
e) the use of diesel oil-based muds should be prohibited. However, diesel oil may be added to drilling muds in the following exceptional circumstances and on the condition that the mud used is disposed of ashore (please see the recommendation for the conditions)	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
f) the discharge of production water and displacement water should be prohibited unless the oil content is less than 15 mg/l (see para d) of the Attachment to this Recommendation). If compliance with this limit value cannot be achieved by the use of Best Environmental Practice and Best Available Technology, the appropriate national authority may require adequate additional measures to prevent possible pollution of the marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area and allow, if necessary, a higher limit value which should, however, be as low as possible and in no case exceed 40 mg/l; the oil content should be measured as provided in sub-paragraph b) above. The BOD of the production water should be monitored and the need for treatment to reduce BOD in specifically sensitive areas carefully assessed	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

g) all chemicals and materials should be taken ashore and may be discharged only exceptionally. A permit should be required for each specific discharge category. Permits should only be issued after an evaluation of the discharge category, the environment around the discharge location and after toxicity testing where appropriate;	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Yes	Not applicable	No	On-going	Yes	Yes
h) all ship and air traffic to offshore installations should be planned with due regard to animals sensitive to disturbance	No information	No	Not applicable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not applicable
i) the incineration of gas in torches should be such that the emission of total carbon and oil droplets into the atmosphere is minimized,	Yes	No	Not applicable	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	No information

22-1 Installation of Toilet Retention Systems and Standard Connections for Sewage on Board Existing Fishing Vessels, Working Vessels and Pleasure Craft

Recommended action	DK	EE	FI	DE	LV	LT	PL	RU	SE
the attached Guidelines, cf. Regulation 6 B and C2 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention, to be applied to existing fishing vessels, working vessels and pleasure craft not later than 1.1.2005, cf. Regulation 6 A a) of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

22-3 Unified Interpretations to Ensure a Harmonized and Effective Implementation of the Strategy for Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Wastes and Associated Issues

Recommended action	DK	EE	FI	DE	LV	LT	PL	RU	SE
apply the attached "Unified Interpretations to Ensure the Harmonized and Effective Implementation of the Baltic Strategy for Port Reception Facilities for Ship-generated Wastes and Associated Issues" when implementing the HELCOM Recommendations connected with the Baltic Strategy,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

28E-10 Application of the No-Special-Fee System to Ship-Generated Wastes and Marine Litter Caught in Fishing Nets in The Baltic Sea Area

Recommended action	DK	EE	FI	DE	LV	LT	PL	RU	SE
apply the attached Guidelines for the establishment of a harmonised "no-special-fee" system for the operation of reception facilities in their ports as of 1 January 2000 for ship-generated wastes covered by Annex I (oily wastes from machinery spaces) of MARPOL 73/78 and as of 1 January 2006 for wastes covered by Annex IV (sewage) and Annex V (garbage) of MARPOL 73/78,	Yes	On-going	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
the litter caught in fishing nets be covered by the "no-special-fee" system	No information	On-going	On-going	Yes	On-going	Yes	On-going	Not applicable	Yes

19-10-R Application by the Baltic Sea States of Guidelines for Holding Tanks/Oily Water Separating or Filtering Equipment for Ships of Less Than 400 Gross Tonnage

Recommended action	DK	EE	FI	DE	LV	LT	PL	RU	SE
apply the attached Guidelines for the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil from machinery spaces of ships of less than 400 gross tonnage	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No