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## Background

HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 9-2018 considered and agreed that the two tasks from the discontinued *ad hoc* Correspondence Group on Ballast Water Management (CG BALLAST) discussed by MARITIME 18-2018 ([Outcome of MARITIME 18-2018](#), para. 3.2-3.4), namely the early warning system and the generation of a list of surveyed ports, should be included in the Work Plan of TG BALLAST. The meeting furthermore agreed that these tasks are already covered by the Terms of Reference for TG BALLAST, and that there is consequently no need to revise the ToR for this purpose ([Outcome of HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 9-2018](#), para 2.7).

This document contains a list of surveyed ports following the HELCOM/OSPAR Joint Harmonised Procedure whereas information on the status of development of a regional early warning system is included as part of the status report on the COMPLETE project (document to be submitted to this Meeting).

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and make use of it as appropriate.

## Status of early warning system and generation of a list of surveyed ports

The table below contains an updated list of the ports surveyed following the [HELCOM/OSPAR Joint Harmonised Procedure](#) as contained in the [HELCOM/OSPAR Risk Assessment Tool](#) for granting exemptions to ballast water management under Regulation A-4 of the IMO International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments.

HarbourCode	HarbourName	Country
MUU	Muuga	Estonia
HAM	Hamina	Finland
FIHEL	Helsinki	Finland
KOK	Kokkola	Finland
KOT	Kotka	Finland
NAA	Naantali	Finland
SKO	Skoldvik	Finland
TKU	Turku	Finland
DEHAM	Hamburg	Germany
DEKEL	Kiel	Germany
ROT	Rotterdam	Netherlands
GDY	Gdynia	Poland
LPA	Las Palmas	Spain
SE_BRO	Brofjorden	Sweden
GOT	Gothenburg	Sweden
HULL	Hull	United Kingdom

Also, countries informed at TG BALLAST 8-2018 of additional sampling activities in North East Atlantic and Baltic Sea ports during 2017 and 2018 or any such activities planned for 2019 ([Outcome of TG BALLAST 9-2018](#), para. 4.5) which will result in the addition, once data is available, of the following ports to the list:

- Esbjerg and Aarhus in Denmark;
- Muuga in Estonia;
- Cuxhaven and Jade-Weser in Germany; and
- Gdansk, Gdynia, Szczecin and Swionujscie in Poland.