

PORT STATE CONTROL RULES COME UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

EMSA held a two-day workshop on 29–30 June to address several issues related to Port State Control (PSC). The first day session looked at the current cycle of PSC visits, particularly the methodology and conclusions drawn. EMSA presented its horizontal analysis and the European Commission explored possible areas to include in the next cycle of visits. The second day session tackled the operational aspects of the PSC regime. These are high on the agenda of the Paris MoU. The main topics covered included the outcome of the PSC Committee 48, the possibility of amending the targeting system and current formula for the white, grey and black list for flag state performance, and the associated performance lists for Recognised Organisations. Speakers from the Paris MoU Secretariat and the Polish Maritime University of Gdynia were invited to present some alternative proposals.



FOCAL POINTS SHARE VIEWS AT TENTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETING

The tenth meeting of the Consultative Network for Technical Assistance (CNTA) took place on 30 June at EMSA's premises in Lisbon. Member state focal points for training and cooperation took the opportunity to share their views on the training activities organised by EMSA in 2014 for member states and enlargement countries, as well as on the upcoming training programme for 2016. The CNTA members were briefed on the technical assistance provided by EMSA to the European Neighbouring Partners within the framework of the SAFEMED III project (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia) and the TRACECA II project (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine and Turkmenistan). Opportunities for cooperation between EU member states and beneficiary countries were also explored.



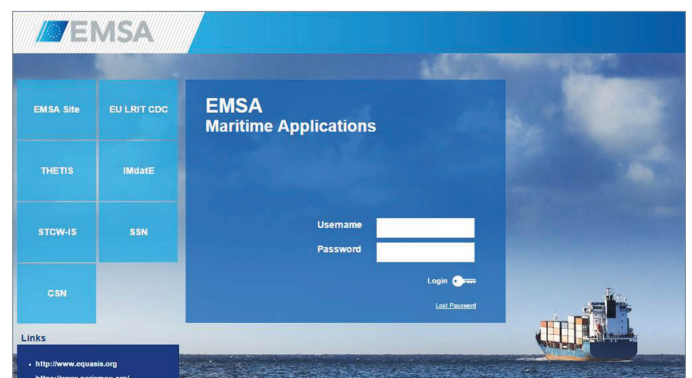
SAFEMED & TRACECA ADMINISTRATORS GIVEN TRAINING ON DISTANCE LEARNING

On 23 June, a group of representatives from SAFEMED III and TRACECA II beneficiary countries gathered together for a training course on the Port State Control distance learning platform—MaKCs. The participants were given instructions on how to manage their pool of users and on how to create user accounts. Instructors covered the approval process, the role and responsibilities of a supervisor, training report production, course assignment procedures and the preparation of learning plans. A number of exercises placed the participants in real life scenarios, thereby giving very practical and valuable advice. Each country administrator was considered fully equipped to manage MaKCs—DLP platform functionalities.



EMSA'S MARITIME APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE VIA A SINGLE ACCESS POINT

The Maritime Application Portal or MAP released in June of this year has been specifically designed to centralise user access to EMSA's maritime applications. MAP is a user friendly, secure, scalable and resilient entry point to the maritime applications operated by EMSA. It gives users easy access to various functionalities depending on their data access rights. The portal went live in early June and on 27 July the EU LRIT Cooperative Data Centre was incorporated, completing the set of maritime applications available through MAP.



The portal interface gives easy access to EMSA's maritime applications.

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CAREERS: Document Management Officer (deadline: 11/09/2015); National Experts in Professional Training (deadline: 4/09/2015)

PROCUREMENT: Provision of ICT services for upgraded related to SafeSeaNet (deadline: 7/09/2015); IT consultancy services for EMSA's horizontal IT components (deadline: 11/09/2015)