

PERMANENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Salient Points

9th meeting, 12 – 13 June 2019

Attendees

The ninth meeting of the Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF) for the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector was held at EMSA premises during 12-13 June 2019.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Jonas Bäckstrand, assisted by Mr Ron Damstra, as Deputy Chairperson.

The meeting was attended by 34 experts from 26 EU MS / EEA Countries. The European Commission (COM) was represented by DG – MOVE and assisted by EMSA. The Secretariat for the meeting was provided by EMSA.

Introduction

The main agenda points were:

- **Adoption of PCF8 Report and PCF8 Salient points;**
- **Updates by Member States, EMSA and COM;**
- **Feedback on item relevant to operational readiness / initial assessment and response**
- **Strategy and evidence collection:**
 - Progress report of WG14 “Best practices for evidence collection”
- **Analysis**
 - Progress report of WG13 on HE
- **Technical observations on final reports for improving their quality**
Progress report of WG9 on lessons learned
- **EMCIP data sharing**
- **Provision of data to HELCOM**
- **EMCIP data analysis on Ro-Ro**
- **Training and qualification**
 - Progress report of WG4 on training
 - Training activities by EMSA
- **EMCIP**
 - Amendment of the PCF ToR
 - EMCIP: state-of-play and future development
 - Reporting guidelines
 - Principles for taxonomy maintenance
- **Work Programme**
- **AOB**
 - Feedback on PCF agreements
 - EMSA Annual Overview of Marine Casualties and Incidents- preliminary information
 - Input for inter-sessional PCF workshop

Summary of the main outcomes

Purpose, scope, application

COM informed that the ex-post evaluation of both the AID and the Flag State Directive (REFIT) was concluded with the support of an external contractor. The next Commission will take up the follow up actions, that could include changing in the scope of the AID as well as revising the definitions to make an alignment with the IMO CIC (Res.255(84)).

The **WG10** - Working Group on the update of Directive 2009/18/EC was re-established to support the COM in this process.

PCF WG progress report

WG4 on training/qualification was tasked by the Group to continue its work to finalize the catalogue of training courses and to draft guidelines on report writing.

WG13 on HE will coordinate the preparation of a **PCF intersessional workshop** focused on “Assessing the safety culture/climate on board ships and in shipping companies” and “The positive/negative impact of procedures, and the adherence/non-adherence to procedures on board ships”. This event will be organized in December 2019 at EMSA premises.

WG9 and **WG14** were closed.

Operational readiness / Initial assessment and response

The Group took note of the updated version of the “**Practices/procedures on data confidentiality** when external experts are contracted to support an investigation” and the “**Updated list of national resources**”.

Investigation report

The methodology developed by EMSA for **carrying out technical observations on final reports to improve data quality**, in accordance with the art. 14.3 of Directive 2009/18/EC, was lively discussed by the Group.

PCF members have been invited to provide their comments to EMSA on the proposed approach by 15 September 2019. The Agency will then consolidate the input for the follow up actions i.e. to use the input as reference to update the methodology.

Outcome of safety investigations

EMSA provided figures on the **requests for EMCIP data** received since PCF8, showing a stable number of requests.

Regarding the provision of **EMCIP data to HELCOM**, the Group expressed a general positive feedback to the Memorandum of Understanding between EMSA and the HELCOM Secretariat.

EMSA introduced the **analysis on EMCIP data** to detect potential safety issues resulting from marine casualties and incidents concerning Ro-Ro and mentioned the plans for undertaking a new safety analysis during Q3 2019.

Training and qualification

EMSA informed the Group about the **training initiatives** after PCF8 that have been already organised or yet to be delivered for both MS and 3rd Countries.

The Group expressed a positive feedback on the approach proposed by the new contractor to develop the Advanced training for investigators.

EMCIP

The Group, enlarged with the representatives of the Authorities appointed as national point of contact for EMCIP, validated the **amendment of the PCF ToR** recognising the PCF as the relevant forum to deal with the EMCIP governance.

EMSA informed the Group about the new functionalities available in the **new EMCIP** and the planned improvements for 2019.

The Group validated the amended **guidelines supporting the reporting in EMCIP** and the **principles for revising the EMCIP taxonomy** as well.