

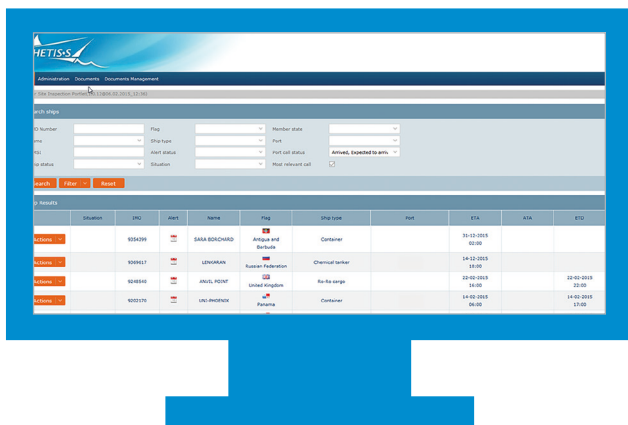
EMSA HOLDS FIRST TRAINING SEMINAR ON SULPHUR DIRECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

On 4-5 February, EMSA organised its first ever training seminar on the enforcement of Directive 1999/32/EC (as amended) on the sulphur content of marine fuels. Participants were drawn from those member state authorities responsible for the enforcement of the directive and, in particular, ship inspections. The training focused mainly on the requirements of the directive, the inspection process on board ships, with or without abatement methods, documentary verification, the sampling process and the use of THETIS-S (both pre and post-boarding). This seminar follows other efforts which have been made by EMSA to support the European Commission and the member states in the implementation and enforcement of the Sulphur Directive. EMSA has been closely involved in all relevant subgroups of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF) since its outset.



EU authorities are responsible for carrying out inspections, sampling and analysing the marine fuels used on board ships while in their ports.

In addition, EMSA has developed THETIS-S, an information system supporting the Sulphur Directive, which has been in operation since 1 January 2015. Furthermore, EMSA, in cooperation with the member states, has produced inspection guidelines for sulphur inspectors which were the basis of the training delivered. Reviews of both the training and the inspection guidelines have been very positive. There were also positive comments from the shipping industry as the guidelines were presented at the ESSF. EMSA plans to organise further training sessions in the future.



THETIS-S is an information system for recording and sharing the findings of enforcement activities in order to verify compliance with the directive.

STCW INFORMATION SYSTEM STARTS GATHERING DATA ON CERTIFIED SEAFARERS

The New Year saw a further phase in the development of EMSA's STCW Information System, with data now being received on certificates and endorsements issued to seafarers by EU maritime administrations. Directive 2008/106/EC (as amended) on the minimum level of training of seafarers provides for the collection and analysis of data which will allow EMSA to compile annual statistics on the number of EU and non-EU seafarers entitled to serve on board EU flagged ships. This will benefit member states, maritime administrations, policy makers, and the shipping industry in general. At a time when organisations are finding it difficult to identify qualified people to work on board ships, the system is once again showing considerable added value with this latest development.



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NEW STCW TRAINING PACKAGE VALIDATED

Member state administrations, together with those from accession and SAFEMED countries, can look forward to sending their staff on a new STCW training course developed by EMSA, following its validation during the trial run held on 16-20 February. This training offers an overview of the STCW Convention and Code, including the 2010 Manila amendments. Following the validation, some modifications will be introduced and the new training package will start being delivered in June.

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PUBLICATIONS:

Work Programme 2015 / New limits for the sulphur content of marine fuels

CAREERS:

SNE Maritime Support Services Duty Officer with IT background (deadline: 1/04/2015)

PROCUREMENT:

Provision of training services for ICT end user applications (deadline: 22/04/2015); Delivery of ASP/SCP services for the EU LRIT cooperative data centre (deadline: 17/04/2015)