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## DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES

### Outcome of COMSAR 5, FP 45 and STW 32

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

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| <i>Executive summary:</i>  | This document contains references to decisions made at COMSAR 5, FP 45 and STW 32 relevant to the work of the Sub-Committee |
| <i>Action to be taken:</i> | Paragraph 8   |
| <i>Related documents:</i>  | COMSAR 5/19, FP 45/16 and STW 32/16*  |

1 Decisions of the following IMO bodies concerning the Sub-Committee's agenda are referenced below:

- .1 the fifth session of the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR 5) from 11 to 15 December 2000;
- .2 the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee on Fire Protection (FP 45) from 8 to 12 January 2001; and
- .3 the thirty-second session of the Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW 32) from 22 to 26 January 2001.

2 References to the Sub-Committee's provisional agenda (DE 44/1/Rev.1):

- .1 **Agenda item 3 – Casualty analysis**  
FP 45/16, paragraph 10.3;
- .2 **Agenda item 12 – Development of guidelines for ships operating in ice-covered waters**  
COMSAR 5/19, paragraphs 10.1 to 10.7;  
FP 45/16, paragraphs 9.1 to 9.3;  
STW 32/16, paragraphs 12.1 to 12.6;

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### .3 **Agenda item 18 – Any other business**

#### *Life-saving appliances*

FP 45/16, paragraph 11.6.

#### **Casualty analysis**

3 FP 45, in the context of the consideration of its agenda item “Analysis of fire casualties”, noted information by the delegation of Canada that it was conducting research on the overheating of belt rollers on self unloading bulk carriers and intended to submit the outcome of this research to DE 44. The Sub-Committee agreed to inform FSI 9 that, until such information becomes available to consider this issue in further detail, no action will be taken on this matter.

#### **Development of guidelines for ships operating in ice-covered waters**

4 COMSAR 5, noting that no documents on the issue had been submitted to its session, reiterated its opinion, expressed at COMSAR 4 (COMSAR 4/14, paragraph 10.3), that the requirements for radiocommunications set out in SOLAS chapter IV were sufficient for ships operating in ice-covered waters. The Committee was invited to note the Sub-Committee’s view on the issue and to delete the item “Development of guidelines for ships operating in ice-covered waters”, from the Sub-Committee’s work programme, as work on it had been completed.

5 FP 45 noted that DE 43 had further considered the draft guidelines and, having discussed the report of its working group (DE 43/WP.10), had agreed to refer to this session the report together with the status report of the draft Guidelines (DE 44/12), for further consideration. In view of the above developments, FP 45 decided that no action need be taken at this stage and that the matter should be further considered at FP 46, following DE 44, when guidance on the matter to other sub-committees would have been made available. Members were invited to submit comments and proposals to FP 46 taking into account the outcome of DE 44.

6 STW 32 noted that work was continuing on the above guidelines in the DE Sub-Committee and it was therefore not possible to make more substantive comments on the text until a revised draft was completed. STW 32 invited the Committee to extend the target completion date of this item pending finalisation of the draft guidelines by the DE Sub-Committee.

#### **Life-saving appliances**

7 FP 45, in discussing its agenda item “Role of the human element: Revision of resolution A.654(16) on graphical symbols for fire control plans”, considered documents submitted by ISO (FP 45/11 and FP 45/INF.3) and noted further information by the observer from ISO on standard ISO 17631 – *Shipboard plans for fire protection, life-saving appliances and means of escape*. The Sub-Committee, noting that the aforementioned ISO standard also includes the symbols used for life-saving appliances, invited the DE Sub-Committee to note this fact.

#### **Action requested of the Sub-Committee**

8 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above information and take action as appropriate.