

SUB-COMMITTEE ON BULK LIQUIDS
AND GASES
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Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA¹

**for the seventeenth session of the Sub-Committee to be held at
IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR,
from Monday, 4 to Friday, 8 February 2013
(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 4 February 2013)**

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
 - 3 Evaluation of safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments
 - 4 Additional guidelines for implementation of the BWM Convention
 - 5 Production of a manual entitled "Ballast Water Management – How to do it"
 - 6 Consideration of improved and new technologies approved for ballast water management systems and reduction of atmospheric pollution
 - 7 Development of international measures for minimizing the transfer of invasive aquatic species through biofouling of ships
 - 8 Development of international code of safety for ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels
 - 9 Development of a revised IGC Code
 - 10 Consideration of the impact on the Arctic of emissions of Black Carbon from international shipping
 - 11 Review of relevant non-mandatory instruments as a consequence of the amended MARPOL Annex VI and the NO_x Technical Code
 - .1 Development of guidelines for replacement engines not required to meet the Tier III limit (MARPOL Annex VI)

¹ Subject to approval by MSC 90.

- .2 Development of guidelines pertaining to equivalents set forth in regulation 4 of MARPOL Annex VI and not covered by other guidelines
- .3 Development of guidelines called for under paragraph 2.2.5.6 of the NO_x Technical Code
- 12 Development of a Code for the transport and handling of limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels
- 13 Development of amendments to the provisions of SOLAS chapter II-2 relating to the secondary means of venting cargo tanks
- 14 Consideration of IACS unified interpretations
- 15 Casualty analysis
- 16 Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for BLG 18
- 17 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2014
- 18 Any other business
- 19 Report to the Committees

Notes:

1 In accordance with the Guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and the MEPC and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.4):

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows¹:
 - .1 documents (including information documents submitted in hard copy only) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents), by Friday, **2 November 2012**;
 - .2 non-bulky documents (including information documents and bulky information documents, if submitted in electronic format), by Friday, **30 November 2012**; and
 - .3 documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraphs .1 and .2 above containing 4 pages or less, by Friday, **14 December 2012** (see also paragraph 6.12.5 of the Guidelines);

¹ In the case of:

- .1 Documents exceeding the number of pages specified, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of the Guidelines will apply; and
- .2 In accordance with paragraph 6.11 of the above-mentioned Guidelines, documents, other than information documents and reports from the Committees and sub-committees, working, drafting, correspondence, other reporting groups and the Secretariat, which contain more than 20 pages should not be translated in their entirety. They should include, for translation purposes, a summary of the document not longer than four pages, with the remaining content submitted as an annex in the language (e.g. English) that may be needed, for example, by working groups.

- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
- .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with section 6 of the above-mentioned Guidelines;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action which the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
 - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
- font: Arial
 - font size: 11 pt
 - justification: full
 - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right
- A template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents; and
- .4 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be accompanied by a USB flash drive preferably in Microsoft Word or sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word to IMO's e-mail address **info@imo.org**.

2 The MSC recommended the sub-committees to strictly observe the above provisions of the aforementioned Guidelines which, inter alia, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Governments or delegations.
