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**Subject:** Update 07Mar2012: SLF TM Convention Correspondence Group

Good day to you all,

From my experience with the last correspondence group on tonnage, I thought it would be useful to provide periodic updates on the work of the TM Convention Correspondence Group. This is the first of such updates. As always, your feedback is welcome on this or other emails about the group's business.

ADMINISTRATIVE Three new participants have joined the group since my last email: Alberto Nogueira of Brazil, Jerker Klawér of Finland, and Rossen Karavatchev who replaces John Bainbridge of ITF. Welcome aboard! The participants webpage <http://www.uscg.mil/imo/slf/participants.asp>, as well as the listing of detailed information available through that page, have been updated accordingly. Also, the final report of SLF 54 (SLF 54/17), and the associated Secretariat Note to MSC (MSC 90/13), are now available on the IMO Documents website, and have been posted on the TM Convention CG's website as well.

MARCH 23RD DEADLINE The group's next deadline is Friday, March 23rd, now just over two weeks away. The following Round 1 items are due: 1) new issues; 2) proposals to address previously identified issues; and 3) comments on the draft questionnaire for use in the second phase of Round 1. Refer to my previous email for further details: [http://www.uscg.mil/imo/slf/docs/tonnage/CG\\_Coord\\_Email\\_12FEB2012\\_Commence\\_Round\\_1.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/imo/slf/docs/tonnage/CG_Coord_Email_12FEB2012_Commence_Round_1.pdf) . So far, we have received input on new issues from the Russian Federation and Italy. Note that there is no requirement to consolidate your input: you may use a single email or multiple emails to address the work during this phase. Also, be advised that the posted "new issues" form was inadvertently set to the French dictionary default, which may give you a number of "Spell Check" errors. We've reset the default on the posted form, and I would be happy to assist you on an individual basis with changing the default on your form if you've already started to complete the earlier version.

OVERVIEW OF CG WORK Right now, the group is finalizing the list of issues, and proposing solutions - in general terms - for the issues already identified through the Sub-Committee's previous work. On Monday, April 2nd, we will commence the second phase of Round 1, where the group will have the opportunity to evaluate all of the proposed solutions, by completing the Round 1 questionnaire. The questionnaire will be due Friday, May 11th. During Round 2, which starts on May 21st, participants will offer specific changes to the text of TM.5/Circ.5 and/or the TM Convention to address the identified issues, and then evaluate the various text

changes that are offered. The completed Round 1 and Round 2 work will provide the basis for the report to be developed in Round 3.

COORDINATOR COMMENTS Because of time constraints, there is no opportunity for the group to propose solutions - in general terms - to the new issues being identified and submitted by the March 23rd deadline. Thus, per the Action Plan, in Round 1 you will not be able to offer alternative solutions for those new issues. Please note, however, that in Round 2 you will have the opportunity to propose specific text changes for a better solution, if you think you have one, which the group will then evaluate. Hopefully, this achieves a proper balance between the amount of work before the group under tight deadlines, and the need for an open exchange of ideas.

With my best wishes to you all, and my thanks for your continued participation and support of the group.

Sincerely,

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