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AMENDMENTS TO THE 2011 ESP CODE

Preparation of the consolidated text of the Code

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and the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document highlights the need to prepare a consolidated text of the ESP Code, with a view to taking on board all amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee; aligning the Code with the most updated version of IACS Unified Requirement (UR) Z10; and clearly identifying all mandatory requirements

Strategic direction: 2.0

High-level action: 2.0.1

Output: 2.0.1.1

Action to be taken: Paragraph 10

Related documents: Resolutions MSC.371(93), MSC.381(94) and Corr.1, and MSC.405(96); resolution A.1049(27) and Corr.1 and Corr.2; MSC 89/25; DE 55/22 and IACS UR Z10

General

1 DE 54, when considering the new draft Assembly resolution, superseding resolution A.744(18) on *Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers* (ESP Guidelines), agreed that the mandatory nature of the instrument should be reflected in its title, i.e. the word "Guidelines" should be replaced with "Code".

2 DE 55, having agreed to the draft Assembly resolution on *Adoption of the International Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers*, invited MSC 89 to endorse the replacement of the word "Guidelines" with the "Code", in the text of the draft revised ESP Guidelines, as a consequence of the change of title of the Guidelines to "Code".

3 MSC 89, having agreed, in principle, to the draft revised ESP Guidelines, approved the draft Assembly resolution on *Adoption of the International Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers, 2011* (2011 ESP Code) and authorized the Secretariat to make the necessary consequential changes to the draft 2011 ESP Code, i.e. to replace "Guidelines" with "Code".

4 The Assembly, at its twenty-seventh session, adopted the *International Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers, 2011* (2011 ESP Code) (resolution A.1049(27) and Corr.1 and Corr.2).

5 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-third, ninety-fourth and ninety-sixth sessions, adopted three sets of amendments to the 2011 ESP Code prepared by the SDC Sub-Committee (resolutions MSC.371(93), MSC.381(94) and Corr.1, and MSC.405(96). MSC 96 also approved one set of amendments, with a view of adoption at MSC 97 (MSC 96/25, annex 20).

6 In parallel with amending the 2011 ESP Code, IACS continued its work on revision of UR Z10. The latest revisions to URs Z10.1, Z10.2, Z10.4 and Z10.5, relating to hull surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers, were agreed and uploaded onto IACS website in February 2015 (http://iacs.org.uk/document/public/Publications/Unified_requirements/PDF/UR_Z_pdf2694.pdf).

Discussion

7 While preparing the certified copy of the 2011 ESP Code, the Secretariat discovered the following two areas requiring further improvement:

- .1 the language used in the text of the Code is non-mandatory, i.e. the text of the draft revised ESP Guidelines is kept unchanged, except for replacing "Guidelines" with "Code". This could lead to confusion and, therefore, needs to be further revised to clearly identify all mandatory requirements; and
- .2 not all tables and forms annexed to parts A and B of annex A and parts A and B of annex B may be easily used during surveys and, therefore, require further improvement (e.g. reformatting).

8 Having bilaterally discussed the problems described in paragraph 7 above, IACS and the IMO Secretariat are of the view that to ensure unified understanding and global consistency in implementation and practical application of the 2011 ESP Code, the Code should be aligned with the most updated version of IACS UR Z10, with a view to identifying all mandatory requirements and amending the tables and forms, based on the practical experience that has been gained by IACS since 1992.

Proposal

9 IACS and the IMO Secretariat, in considering what further actions may be suggested to address the above issues, propose the following way forward for consideration by the Sub-Committee:

- .1 no further amendments to the 2011 ESP Code, as set out in the annex to resolution A.1049(27), should be proposed/considered at SDC 4;
- .2 the IMO Secretariat and IACS should be authorized to analyse the Code, taking into account corrigenda 1 and 2 to resolution A.1049(27); amendments adopted by resolutions MSC.371(93), MSC.381(94) and Corr.1,

and MSC.405(96); draft amendments approved at MSC 96; and the latest version of IACS UR Z10, with a view to proposing editorial changes to identify all mandatory requirements and to improve the format of the tables and forms, for consideration at SDC 5;

- .3 the IMO Secretariat and IACS should be requested to prepare a draft consolidated text of the ESP Code (in track changes showing all amendments to the 2011 ESP Code) for consideration at SDC 6;
- .4 the consolidated ESP Code, if (and when) agreed by the Sub-Committee, should be submitted to the Maritime Safety Committee for approval and subsequent adoption, taking into account that the four-year-cycle for entry into force should not be adhered to and the entry-into-force date of the consolidated ESP Code should be set to the earliest allowable date (i.e. 18 months following adoption);
- .5 the 2011 ESP Code should be superseded by a new consolidated ESP Code, to be adopted by the Assembly; and
- .6 until the consolidated ESP Code enters into force, Member States and international organizations may be invited to apply IACS UR Z10, when carrying out hull surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

10 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the discussion in paragraphs 7 and 8; consider the proposals set out in paragraph 9; and take action as appropriate.
