



SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHIP DESIGN AND
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Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA *

**for the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee to be held at IMO Headquarters,
4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR,
from Monday, 21 to Friday, 25 March 2011
(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 21 March 2011)**

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Consideration of IACS unified interpretations
- 4 Performance standards for recovery systems for all types of ships
- 5 Safety provisions applicable to tenders operating from passenger ships
- 6 Guidelines for a visible element to general alarm systems on passenger ships
- 7 Making the provisions of MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 mandatory
- 8 Guidelines for the standardization of lifeboat control arrangements
- 9 Development of a new framework of requirements for life-saving appliances
- 10 Amendments to resolution A.744(18)
- 11 Supporting guidelines for cargo oil tank coating and corrosion protection
- 12 Development of a mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters
- 13 Revision of resolution A.760(18)
- 14 Protection against noise on board ships
- 15 Classification of offshore industry vessels and consideration of the need for a Code for offshore construction support vessels

* Subject to relevant decisions of MSC 88.

- 16 Measures to promote integrated bilge water treatment systems
- 17 Revision of resolution MEPC.159(55)
- 18 Revision of testing requirements for lifejacket RTDs
- 19 Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for DE 56
- 20 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2012
- 21 Any other business
- 22 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

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.2):

- .1 documents should be received in the Secretariat as follows:
 - .1 documents (including information documents submitted in hard copy only) containing more than 6 pages of text (bulky documents), by Friday, **17 December 2010**. As a general rule, documents, other than information documents, which contain more than 20 pages, will not be translated into all working languages in their entirety, but should include, for translation purposes, a summary of the document not longer than four pages;
 - .2 non-bulky documents (including information documents and bulky information documents, if submitted in electronic format), by Friday, **14 January 2011**; and
 - .3 documents commenting on those referred to in subparagraph .1 above containing 4 pages or less, by Friday, **28 January 2011**. These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4.10.5 of the aforementioned Guidelines;
- .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 4 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 (centimetres): 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.

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.4 to facilitate the processing of documents, they should be submitted on a USB stick, or sent via e-mail to info@imo.org, in which case hard copies of the documents should also be sent by mail or facsimile. Microsoft Word format is preferable in either case.

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.
