Liaison Statement from IMO

Submitted by IHB

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: IMO COMSAR 12 prepared a liaison statement to IHO and ISO regarding Ship and Port Security Requirements for the ITU World Radio-Communication Conference 2011. This together with a preliminary response is attached.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: None

1.   During COMSAR 12 a "Liaison Statement" to the IHO and ISO was prepared and agreed. This has subsequently been received by post at the IHB and is attached at Annex A. In particular the liaison statement says:

 "IMO requests IHO to review radiocommunication procedural requirements for the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service for use in promulgating security level announcements for ship and port security needs, and inform IMO in order that they may consider the need for radio spectrum requirements".

2.   Given that the first IMO/ITU Meetings of Experts was due to be held in June 2008 the IHB, in conjunction with the Chairman of CPRNW, prepared a brief liaison statement in reply which was sent to the IMO. This is attached at Annex B.

3.   The IMO/ITU Meetings of Experts will be held again in 2009 and CPRNW may wish to consider a further liaison statement to IMO on this matter.

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LIAISON STATEMENT TO IHO AND ISO

SHIP AND PORT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ITU WORLD
RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE 2011

General

ITU's WRC-07, Resolution 357 recognizes that there is a global requirement to enhance
maritime safety, ship and port security via spectrum dependent systems. WRC-07 has
proposed that WRC-11 consider amendments to the provisions of the Radio Regulations
necessary to provide for the operation of ship and port security and maritime safety systems.
This was done in recognition of existing and future technologies. Depending on the selection
of these technologies, ITU-R may need to conduct, as a matter of urgency, studies to
determine the spectrum requirements and potential frequency bands suitable to support ship
and port security and enhanced maritime safety systems. ITU has invited IMO and all
members of the Radiocommunication Sector, to contribute to these studies. A series of
IMO/ITU Meetings of Experts will be convened to address these issues. The first meeting
will be held on 10-12 June 2008 at IMO Headquarters.

Security broadcasts and radiocommunication procedures

The World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) was previously adopted by
resolutions A.419(XI) and A.706(17), as amended, and has successfully been in existence
since 1979. Provisions were made for the promulgation of maritime safety information by the
1988 amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974
(SOLAS), concerning radiocommunications for the global maritime distress and safety
system. SOLAS, chapter XI-2, regulation 7 (Threat to Ships), requires Contracting
Governments to provide a point of contact and to advise ships of any changes in security
level.

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Wide Navigational Warning Service for use in promulgating security level announcements
for ship and port security needs, and inform IMO in order that they may consider the need for
radio spectrum requirements.

Port Security Requirements

ITU's WRC-07, Resolution 357 recognized that there is an increasing need, on a global basis,
to enhance ship and cargo identification, tracking and surveillance for ship and port security
purposes. ISO TC104's work on standards for electronic seals for freight containers has
helped this effort. ISO TC 8's work on maritime and supply chain security including
electronic port clearance is also of relevance. IMO requests the ISO TC 104 and TC 8 groups
to comment on radio spectrum requirements for radio frequency identification devices used
on cargo containers for this purpose and inform IMO, as appropriate.

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21 May 2008

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General

The IHO thanks IMO for its liaison statement T2-OSS/1.4 dated 25 April 2008 regarding radiocommunication procedural requirements for the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) for use in promulgating security level announcements for ship and port security needs.

Security broadcasts and radiocommunication procedures

The IHO submitted document COMSAR12/3/2 to the twelfth session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Communications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR12) proposing amendments to resolutions A.705(17) and A.706(17) as amended. Following discussions at COMSAR12 a draft revised resolution A.706(17) as amended (COMSAR 12/15 Annex 2) has been forwarded to the 85th Session of the Maritime Safety Committee, in November/December 2008, for adoption.

The revised text of resolution A.706(17) as amended includes at point 17 of paragraph 4.2.1.3 on the subjects suitable for broadcast as NAVAREA Warnings "security related requirements" with a footnote that says "In accordance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code".

The IHO supports the use of the WWNWS for the promulgation of security level announcements for ship and port security needs as set out in the revised draft resolution A.706(17) as amended.

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