

SUB-COMMITTEE ON NAVIGATION,
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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document contains annotations to the provisional agenda provided in document NCSR 8/1

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Related documents: MSC 102/24; NCSR 7/23; NCSR 8/1; Circular Letter No.4333 and other documents as specified in the text

Agenda item 1 – Adoption of the agenda

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1 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (NCSR 8/1).¹

2 A provisional timetable, including working, drafting and/or experts groups envisaged to be established, is set out in the annex. This timetable has been produced in consultation

¹ The draft provisional agenda prepared by NCSR 7 (NCSR 7/23, annex 9) was revised at MSC 102 following changes to the meeting programme for 2021 and taking into account the limited time available for the remote session of NCSR 8.

with the Chair, taking into account relevant decisions of MSC 102 and current arrangements for the Sub-Committee's remote session.²

Agenda item 2 – Decisions of other IMO bodies

3 The Sub-Committee will be informed of relevant decisions and actions taken by other bodies of the Organization and will be invited to take action, as appropriate, under the respective agenda items.

Agenda item 3 – Routeing measures and mandatory ship reporting systems (6.24)

4 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider proposals for new or amended routeing measures and mandatory ship reporting systems. Due to time limitations, the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider only proposals requiring urgent consideration. Members submitting proposals are invited to take this into consideration.

5 Members submitting proposals for new or amended routeing measures for consideration by the Sub-Committee are requested to provide, together with their submission:

- .1 the information specified in paragraphs 3.8 to 3.16 of the *General provisions on ships' routeing* (resolution A.572(14), as amended), taking into account other applicable guidelines approved by the Organization;
- .2 electronic copies of the reference charts listed in the description of the proposed routeing measures showing the new systems or amendments to existing systems for use during the session when considering the proposed measures in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of the *General provisions on ships' routeing* and retention by the Secretariat for use when preparing future amendments to the IMO publication on *Ships' Routeing*; and
- .3 if the proposal is made in relation to Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas, the information specified in sections 4, 6 and 7 of the annex to the *Revised guidelines for the identification and designation of particularly sensitive sea areas* (resolution A.982(24)).

6 Proposals regarding ship reporting systems for consideration by the Sub-Committee should take into account the *Guidelines and criteria for ship reporting systems* (resolution MSC.433(98)).

7 Members submitting proposals are advised to take into account the *Guidance note on the preparation of proposals on ships' routeing systems and ship reporting systems for submission to the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation* (MSC/Circ.1060 and MSC.1/Circ.1060/Add.1), as well as the *Procedure for the submission of documents containing proposals for the establishment of, or amendments to, ships' routeing systems or ship reporting systems* (MSC.1/Circ.1608).

8 Members submitting proposals are further encouraged to make use of the templates for ships' routeing and ship reporting system proposals, which are available in Microsoft Word format downloadable from the IMO website (<https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Safety/Pages/ShipsRouteing.aspx>).

² Refer to *Interim guidance to facilitate remote sessions of the Committees during the COVID-19 pandemic* (MSC-LEG-MEPC-TCC-FAL.1/Circ.1).

Agenda item 4 – Recognition of the Japanese regional navigation satellite system Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) and development of performance standards for shipborne satellite navigation system receiver equipment (2.12)

9 The Sub-Committee will be invited to evaluate QZSS as a future component of the World-wide Radionavigation System (WWRNS) based on documents that may be submitted under this agenda item, following the adoption by MSC 102 of resolution MSC.480(102) on *Performance standards for shipborne Japanese Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) receiver equipment*.

10 Due to time limitations, the Sub-Committee will be invited to postpone consideration of consolidated performance standards for shipborne satellite navigation system receiver equipment to a future session.

Agenda item 5 – Safety measures for non-SOLAS ships operating in polar waters (6.38)

NCSR 8/5³

New Zealand

Report of the Correspondence Group on Safety Measures for Non-SOLAS Ships Operating in Polar Waters

11 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the report of the Correspondence Group on Safety Measures for Non-SOLAS Ships Operating in Polar Waters, including the consequences and feasibility of applying chapters 9 and 11 of the Polar Code to non-SOLAS ships and how best to enhance the safety of non-SOLAS ships, including possible development of amendments to SOLAS and/or the Polar Code, and take any necessary actions, as appropriate.

Agenda item 6 – Revision of SOLAS chapters III and IV for Modernization of the GMDSS, including related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments (2.10)

NCSR 8/7

Secretariat

Report of the sixteenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on Maritime Radiocommunication Matters

12 This agenda item is considered a priority item for NCSR 8 given that the draft amendments to SOLAS chapters III and IV, including related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments, should be approved in 2021 for circulation and adoption in 2022, with a view to entry into force on 1 January 2024.⁴

13 In this context, MSC 102 approved the holding of an intersessional meeting of the Communications Working Group before NCSR 8, and instructed it to consider all documents submitted to NCSR 8 under this agenda item, including the relevant parts of the report of the IMO/ITU Experts Group, and to advise the Sub-Committee, as appropriate. Further information on the arrangements for the intersessional meeting of the Communications Working Group will be communicated in due course.

³ To be issued in due course.

⁴ Taking into account the plan of work approved by MSC 98 (NCSR 4/29, annex 11, appendix 1) and the *Guidance on entry into force of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and related mandatory instruments* (MSC.1/Circ.1481).

14 Therefore, the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider and finalize the draft amendments to SOLAS chapters III and IV, including related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments, taking into account the report of the intersessional meeting of the Communications Working Group that will meet in advance to NCSR 8, the relevant parts of the reports of the sixteenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group (NCSR 8/7) and any other documents that may be submitted under this agenda item.

Agenda item 7 – Response to matters related to the ITU-R Study Groups and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (2.1)

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15 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider any urgent matters related to the ITU-R Study Groups and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference.

16 In particular, the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the relevant parts of the report of the sixteenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group (NCSR 8/7), including liaison statements submitted by ITU-R Working Parties and Study Groups, and by other organizations, and to approve terms of reference for the seventeenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group to take place in July 2021.

Agenda item 8 – Revision of the Guidelines on places of refuge for ships in need of assistance (resolution A.949(23)) (1.20)

NCSR 8/8 ⁵	United Kingdom	Report of the Correspondence Group on Revision of the Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance (resolution A.949(23))
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17 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the report of the Correspondence Group on Revision of the Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance (resolution A.949(23)) and finalize the revision of the guidelines for submission to MSC, MEPC and LEG for concurrent approval, with a view to subsequent adoption by A 32, as authorized by MSC 102.

Agenda item 9 – Developments in GMDSS services, including guidelines on Maritime safety information (MSI) (6.2)

18 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider submissions on developments in GMDSS satellite services, including guidelines on Maritime safety information (MSI), requiring urgent consideration.

19 In particular, the Sub-Committee will be invited to review and finalize the *Interim Iridium SafetyCast service manual* (MSC.1/Circ.1613) with a view to approval by MSC 104.

⁵ To be issued in due course.

20 In addition, the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider, as instructed by MSC 102:

- .1 technical solutions for the dissemination of MSI and search and rescue related (SAR) information, such as, for example, the implementation of a single web interface being considered by IHO and interested Member States; and
- .2 the need for amendments to resolutions A.706(17), as amended, and A.1051(27), as amended, and other resolutions, to address broadcast monitoring requirements.

21 Other issues concerning dissemination of MSI and SAR-related information over multiple GMDSS recognized mobile satellite services, in particular, on how to spread the cost of dissemination of MSI to ships and/or to eliminate the shore-to-ship charge for MSI, will be considered by MSC 103. Members submitting documents to NCSR 8 are invited to take this into consideration.

Agenda item 10 – Development of global maritime SAR services, including harmonization of maritime and aeronautical procedures (1.34)

NCSR 8/10⁶

Secretariat

Report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Harmonization of Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue

22 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider any urgent matters related to the further development of global maritime SAR services, including harmonization of maritime and aeronautical procedures.

23 In particular, the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the relevant parts of the report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group (NCSR 8/10) and any other documents that may be submitted under this agenda item, and to approve the provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth meeting of the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group to take place in September 2021.

24 Concerning the draft amendment to the IAMSAR Manual, MSC 102 authorized the Secretariat to submit the draft amendments to the IAMSAR Manual, as finalized by the ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group, directly to MSC 103 for approval,⁷ in order to avoid any possible delays due to the rescheduling of meetings in 2021. Therefore, the draft amendment to the IAMSAR Manual will not be considered by NCSR 8.

Agenda item 11 – Biennial status report and provisional agenda for NCSR 9

25 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider its biennial status report, taking into account the progress made at the session, and to prepare the draft provisional agenda for NCSR 9, in accordance with the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1), for approval by MSC 104.

⁶ To be issued in due course.

⁷ Refer to document MSC 103/14.

Agenda item 12 – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022

26 In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Maritime Safety Committee, the Sub-Committee will be invited to elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022.

Agenda item 13 – Any other business

NCSR 8/7

Secretariat

Report of the sixteenth meeting of the
Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group on
Maritime Radiocommunication Matters

27 The Sub-Committee will also be invited to consider any urgent matters submitted by Member States or international organizations or referred to it by the Committees or other Sub-Committees.

28 In particular, the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the draft consequential amendments to the *Performance standards for shipborne simplified voyage data recorders (S-VDRs)* (resolution MSC.163(78)) and the *Revised performance standards for shipborne voyage data recorders (VDRs)* (resolution MSC.333(90)) related to the adoption of the *Performance standards for float-free emergency position-indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs) operating on 406 MHz* (resolution MSC.471(101)), taking into account the relevant parts of the report of the sixteenth meeting of the Joint IMO/ITU Experts Group (NCSR 8/7).

Agenda item 14 – Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

29 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider and adopt its draft report for submission to the Committee for approval.

ANNEX

SUB-COMMITTEE ON NAVIGATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE Eighth session (19 to 23 April 2021)

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*

Day	Agenda items	WG/DG
Monday 19 April 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (UTC + 1)	<p>Opening of the session</p> <p>1 Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>2 Decisions of other IMO bodies</p> <p>5 Safety measures for non-SOLAS ships operating in polar waters</p> <p>8 Revision of the Guidelines on places of refuge for ships in need of assistance (resolution A.949(23))</p> <p>3 Routeing measures and mandatory ship reporting systems</p> <p>9 Developments in GMDSS services, including guidelines on Maritime safety information (MSI) (Iridium SafetyCast Manual only)</p>	<p>WG 1</p> <p>[WG 1 /DG 1]</p> <p>[WG 1] DG 1</p>
Tuesday 20 April 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (UTC + 1)	<p>6 Revision of SOLAS chapters III and IV for Modernization of the GMDSS, including related and consequential amendments to other existing instruments</p>	
Wednesday 21 April 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (UTC + 1)	<p>7 Response to matters related to the ITU-R Study Groups and ITU World Radiocommunication Conference</p> <p>10 Development of global maritime SAR services, including harmonization of maritime and aeronautical procedures</p> <p>4 Recognition of the Japanese regional navigation satellite system Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) and development of performance standards for shipborne satellite navigation system receiver equipment</p> <p>9 Developments in GMDSS services, including guidelines on Maritime safety information (MSI) (remaining part)</p>	
Thursday 22 April 2021	NO PLENARY MEETING	
Friday 23 April 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (UTC + 1)	<p>13 Any other business</p> <p>12 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022 – Reports of the working and drafting groups</p> <p>11 Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for NCSR 9</p> <p>14 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee</p>	

* The provisional timetable may be revised before the meeting based on submissions received.